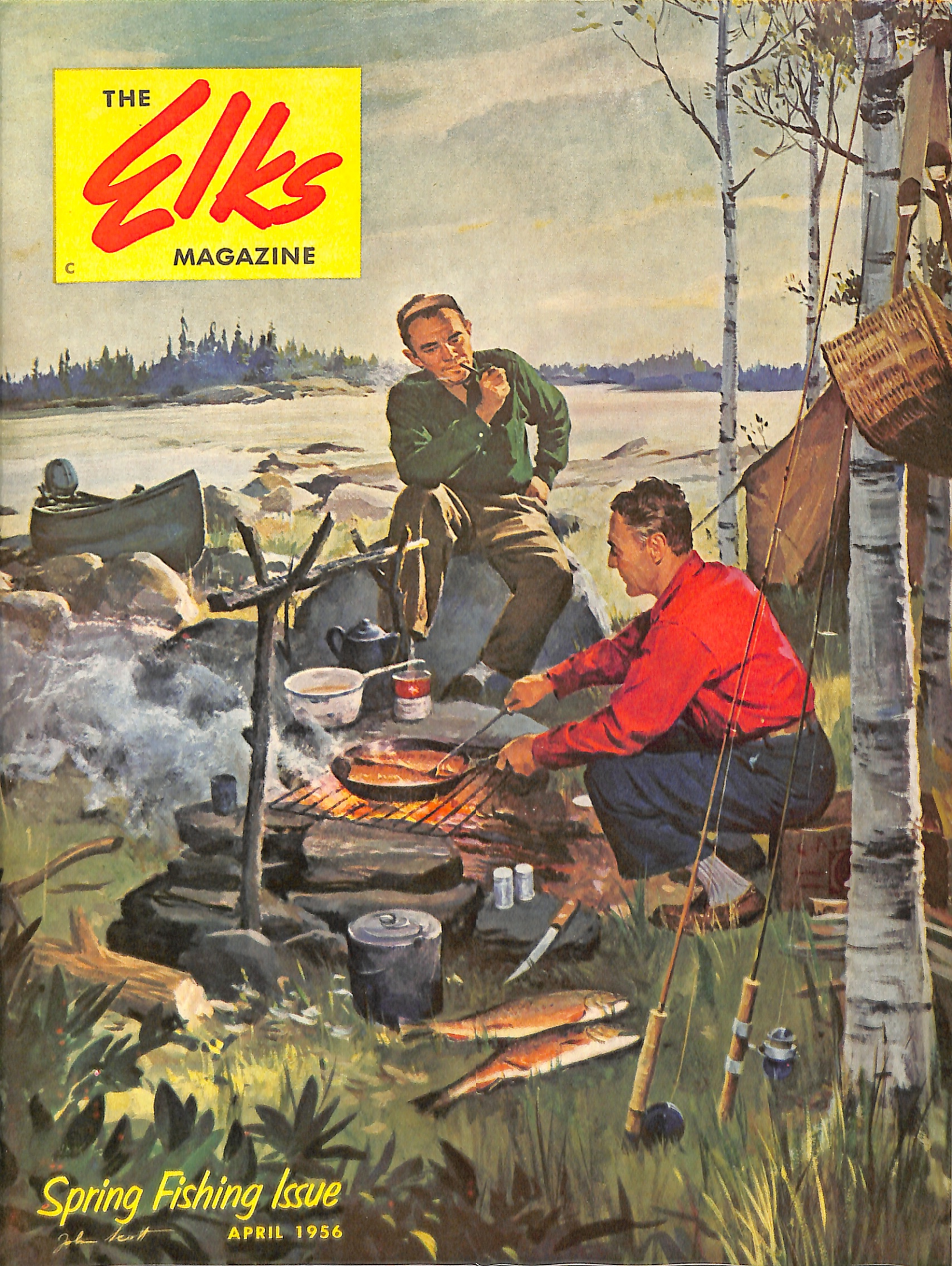


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
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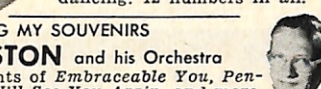
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
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

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
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
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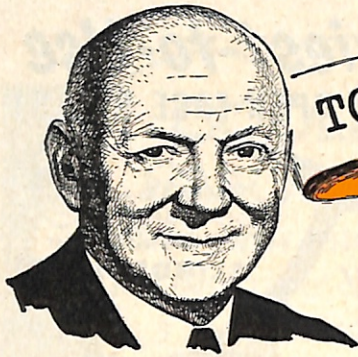
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TOM WRIGLEY WRITES FROM WASHINGTON



DEMOCRATIC and Republican National Conventions are still more than four months away but the jockeying for press, radio and TV reservations already has begun. More than a thousand requests for seats and camera space, the greatest on record, will be handled by the Standing Committees of the Senate and House press, radio, TV, and periodical galleries, and the White House News Photographers' Association. First notices went out March 1 and applications are now pouring in not only from the Washington corps of writers and cameramen but from hundreds of newspapers in every part of the country. The Democratic National Convention opens August 13 in the International Amphitheatre in Chicago. The Republican Convention will start one week later, on August 20, in the Cow Palace in San Francisco. That means a quick shift from Chicago to San Francisco and the moving of tons of supplies, photographic, radio and television equipment. All press associations and most large dailies will have press rooms in Chicago and will open new ones in San Francisco. That means installations of miles of telegraph and telephone wires and hundreds of control boards, printers and other instruments. Railroads and Airlines have announced special service from Washington for the press. Special trains will leave for Chicago on Saturday night, August 11, but many reporters will fly out before that date.

EXHIBIT GETS PANNED

Folks around Washington know their Americana. Experts took one look at a government exhibit called "People's Capitalism" and promptly lowered the boom. The elaborate exhibit is designed to show how capitalism has benefited American families from Revolutionary days to the present. The U. S. Information Agency plans to show it around foreign countries. A two-room furnished house is labeled "This is the way Americans lived in 1776." Experts said the andirons were modern, the cupboard Victorian, a flannel blanket on the baby looked as though it was from a bargain basement. They said the door had hinges on backward and the supporting batten upside down. More than that, they said 1776 houses were examples of fine crafts-

manship and were furnished with more than a churn, a cradle, a spinning wheel and a bench. President Eisenhower looked over the exhibit and he also had some suggestions re changes. The thing is being revamped before it goes on the road but it is doubtful if it will be shown again in the plaza of Union Station. One noted expert observed, "the people who got up this display think they can sell America like soap."

OLD PHONE MEMORIES

The old-style box phone on the wall with a crank and jingle bells has about disappeared because of Rural Electrification Administration extensions. Recent loans of \$1,742,000 will now put dial phone systems into rural areas of Kansas, Idaho, Georgia, Colorado and Iowa. There used to be lots of fun on the old party lines, when the bell would, say, ring 8 longs—4 shorts and everybody knew it was the Widow Brown's—and everybody listened in.

POLITE STAMP MACHINE

Those new talking stamp-vending machines in Post Office lobbies are causing a lot of talk because they make change, shove out the stamps and then say—"Thank you and buy more stamps by machine." Some taxpayers say they are too fancy and cost too much money. The inventor, Kenneth C. Zeigle, denies all this. They are fool-proof he says and the buyer always gets the stamps or money returned. When a supply runs out a light flashes back in the post office. And the "thank you" recording, says Mr. Zeigle, could be changed into a commercial message or a plug for Defense Bonds.

SIGN OF PROGRESS

Passengers no longer have to show their tickets at Union Station gates before boarding trains. It is at last assumed they know where they're going and can read the signs.

BOSS OF BLAIR HOUSE

Catty-corner across Pennsylvania Avenue from the White House is Blair House, a frowning old domicile with a cold looking front. It is the government's guest house for visiting kings and queens, foreign secretaries and other very important visitors. Mrs. Victoria Gainey runs the

establishment and what she knows of customs and habits and whims of foreign bigwigs would fill a book. The guest, whether from Timbuctoo or deah ol' London, always finds the rooms at the proper temperature, the lighting just right and the food perfect. The kitchen of Blair House has turned out some strange dishes, like broiled octopus for example.

BOOKLETS FOR FREE

Agriculture Department puts out 10 publications, free if you write the Department for them, but costing a small fee if ordered from the Government Printing Office. Most popular is "Family Fare," a cookbook. Next is "National Food Guide," No. 3 is "Freezing Combination Main Dishes." Nearly a half million copies of the cookbook were distributed last year. It's good.

TIPS FOR MOTORISTS

Those with the Spring urge for the wide open spaces should contact the National Park Service. There may be a National Park within one day's motor drive. The Parks, with 24,000,000 acres, attracted 55,000,000 visitors last year, and expect to break that record this season. They are scattered in 39 states, are worth \$4 billion and have 15,000 miles of roads. National Park concessions do a \$30 million-a-year business. If you plan to camp or stop-over in a park make your reservation early.

WASHINGTON WATTS

Wild Life Service has plenty of buffalo meat for sale . . . Federal Income Tax Bureau can't explain how Joe Louis was allowed to get so far behind . . . AAA says there are 50,000 motels to 20,000 hotels and 250,000 restaurants . . . The Zoo has a lion cub for sale or swap but no zoo wants it because lions breed too well in captivity . . . GOP campaign press releases have a big elephant's head at the top . . . Telephone answering services here now total 40 . . . The Navy leads the Air Force slightly in voluntary enlistments . . . Civil Defense plans to buy \$3,500,000 worth of radiation detection instruments to detect radioactive fallout . . . Population of metropolitan Washington is at the 1.9 million mark . . . Those cherry blossoms are blooming again and here come the tourists.

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One of the most tangible evidences of the productive results of Elks National Foundation grants in the cerebral palsy field is the very sincere expressions of appreciation that Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley, Chairman of the Elks National Foundation, receives in the form of correspondence.

For example, Miss Lucy K. Lewandowska, who was the recipient of a \$450 grant and who is a resident of Jersey City, N. J., recently wrote to Mr. Malley, saying:

"I have delayed writing to you until I had something concrete to report, because there was much to learn from my course at the Children's Rehabilitation Institute in Reisterstown, Md., and the Institute through its personnel had much to offer.

"I was offered a position at the New Jersey Society for Crippled Children and

Adults in Somerville, which is under the co-sponsorship of the Elks. I was happy to accept the position, as it will be a way to repay the Elks for their confidence in me in granting me a scholarship to make this possible. May I say that I am deeply grateful to you and the BPOE."

Members of the legal profession form a substantial percentage of the membership of the BPOE, and Mr. Malley, who is an attorney, in his capacity as Chairman of the Elks National Foundation particularly wishes to call their attention not only to the fact that contributions to the Foundation are tax deductible, but also that one of the important means of increasing the Foundation's Principal Fund is through bequests. A gift to the Foundation is, in effect, a permanent bequest, because only the income from the Principal Fund is used for charitable purposes. All expenses of the Foundation are provided by the Grand Lodge.

Mrs. Dennis G. Webb of Little Rock, Ark., recently completed a cerebral palsy course at Columbia University in New York with the assistance of a \$700 grant from the Elks National Foundation. She wrote to Mr. Malley appreciatively, saying:

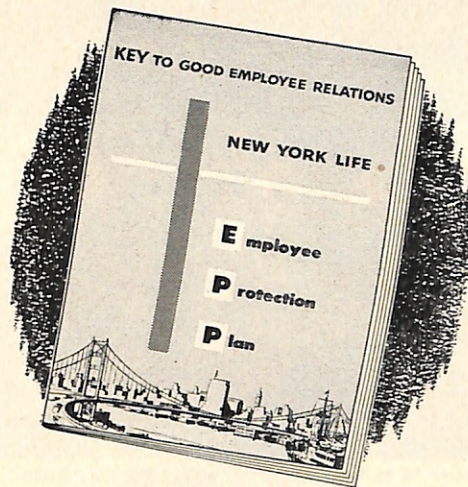
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BY MORRIS AND RUTH SCOTT

THE dead seriousness of the surf fisherman's face, as he cast, waited, reeled in his line, and cast again, concealed a measureless inner joy. In his own mind, this sand spit against which the breakers were rolling was the shore of Paradise. That he had cast for hours without catching a fish was unimportant as long as he continued to cast. Of all purists in the sport field, he was of the purest. He might have gone rabbit-hunting with a carrot on the end of a stick, in the same exalted mood.

The mood did not last. As his car was being gassed for the drive home, he blew his top to the gas station owner. "We've got to get rid of those commercial fishing nets, if we're ever going to get a decent day's fishing again!" he spluttered.

Lots of sport fishermen agree with him. They're convinced that closing either a given area or a given species of fish to commercial fishing is a panacea for game fishing. Cartoons show the happy fishless fisherman. Statistics prove this just ain't so. The man who buys expensive new tackle, takes an unpaid day from work, drives miles, is grim if he returns with an empty creel.

When and where fishing is good, the number of fishermen increases sharply. When fishing is poor, sport fishermen look for a scapegoat. The commercial fisheries, visible, successful, have been

easy to attack. "The earliest California restriction dates back to our first legislative session in 1850," according to Richard S. Croker, chief of the Marine Fisheries Branch of California's Department of Fish and Game. "Restrictions were few and simple until after the turn of the century. Seasons and fishing areas have been restricted gradually until at the 1951 legislative session, commercial salmon fishing in our rivers was all but ended."

This fight between sport fishermen and commercial fishery has flared up, first in this place and then in another, throughout this century. As early as 1909, certain Michigan waters were closed to commercial fishing.

Some sport fishing interests backed a proposed law to close the entire United States coasts to striped bass commercial fishing. Commercial groups are resisting each effort to drive out their nets. But they have not attempted counter-legislation against sport fishing.

The fight over fish is more widespread than many people realize. Of course, the controversy is sharpest along the Atlantic, Gulf, and Pacific Coasts, and in the Great Lakes. These are the areas where both sport and commercial fishing are prominent.

But the inland fresh waters are more important for commercial fishing than is

commonly known. In Lake of the Woods, one of Minnesota's ten thousand lakes, the total commercial catch is about six pounds per lake acre, each year. Of this, about one pound is the walleyed pike or yellow pickerel, which is also a sport or game fish in the same lake. Commercially-taken walleyes from Lake of the Woods accounts for one in every five walleyes sold throughout the United States.

The commercial fishing from the state of Minnesota produces approximately half a million dollars annually for fishermen. It yields a market value of excellent protein food of around a million dollars.

The fresh-water conflict may grow. The warm southern waters impounded behind huge project dams are ideal for rapid growth of fish. If our country has more dams, more power, more irrigation, it also will have—or could have—more fish.

Without realizing that we were part of a national problem, we've cast our bait on both sides of the fight. We've trolled for young salmon in Puget Sound, the beautiful, historic arm of the Pacific Ocean in the northwest corner of the United States. We trolled for the peaceful joy of fishing and the delicate delight of eating fish an hour from salt water to frying pan.

When an unexpectedly large summer

Over Fish

With sport fishermen far outnumbering commercial fishermen, the fight over fish has reached the national stage.

crowd descended on our beach camp, we rowed out to a commercial fishing boat. We bought a large salmon, flapping from the nets.

But the bitterness on both sides of the sport-commercial conflict is worrying thoughtful persons. The commercial man who had his own fishery on a West Coast stream was understandably bitter when most of his income went, year after year, to fighting bills introduced to close him up. In the end, his stream was closed—to all but sport fishing. There went his investment and his chosen way of free American life.

Other seekers of freedom have invested their all in fishing cabins and boats. Plus a gasoline station and a grocery store. When sport fishing is poor and few patronize their investment, they naturally are unhappy.

Choosing sides grows more complicated. In the early century, the problem was sharply a conflict between commercial fishermen and sport fishermen. Today poses a cockeyed triangle. The tackle and fishing camp businessman is aligned with the sport fisherman against the fishery businessman. Then, to make a circle of this sizzling triangle, the popular deep freeze at home enables the sport fisherman to store his excess catch. As some commercial fishermen point out, this puts both the "party" boat owner

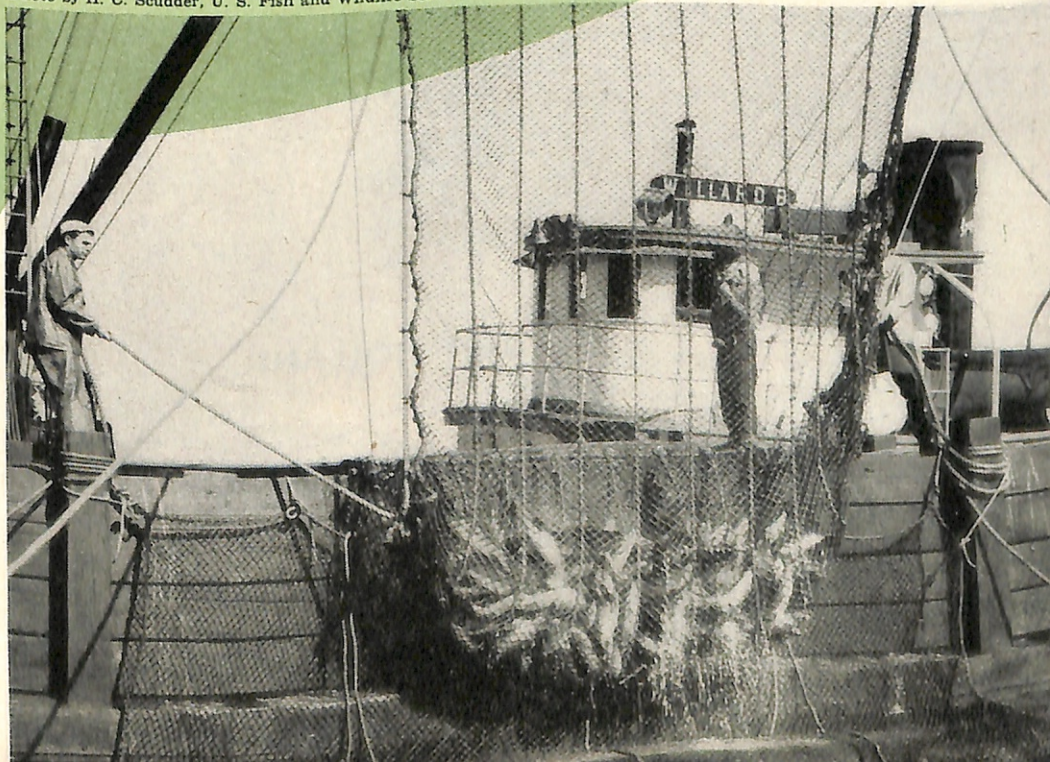
who sells the excess catch at the wharf and the sport fisherman in direct competition with commercial fishing.

The total of licensed sports fishermen has grown unbelievably to a new high for the year ended June 30, 1955, of over 18,854,809 at a cost to fishermen of nearly \$39,501,838! Michigan, California and Wisconsin all have more than a mil-

Photo by H. C. Scudder, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

lion licensed anglers. In addition, a great number of coastal fishermen are not required to have salt water fishing licenses. The result is a vast recreational group. They are awake to their legislative pressure power.

The number of commercial fishermen increased during 1940-50 from 125,000
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Giant Rainbows

HIGH among the ragged, snow-crested peaks of the Chilean Andes in South America there is a strange trout lake. Its shores are bordered by mounds of broken lava and slides of black volcanic sand. There are no trees or shrubs to soften the harsh terrain—only a few sparse wisps of grass that manage to eke out an existence on the barren slopes. Along the shore, tossed by waves and bobbing like corks, float windrows of pumice rocks. Against the snowy background, stately pink flamingoes wade about the shallow coves on stilt-like legs and turn their heads upside down to scoop up choice morsels. Just behind the lake is an unguarded pass into the Argentine which is said to be a favorite of smugglers and cattle rustlers.

Yet, here among the cold and lifeless peaks far south of the equator, living in this lake with its floating rocks and flamingoes, are rainbow trout—and no ordinary rainbow trout. They are plentiful and they are large—and not large in the usual sense that a rainbow is large, say three or four pounds. These trout are large when they weigh more than fifteen pounds. And they are spectacular as only a rainbow can be.

The rainbow trout is a much-traveled citizen. By nature he was confined to the Pacific drainage of our Northwest, from northern California to the Alaska Peninsula, but his fame made him in demand the world over. He was transplanted not only to suitable waters throughout the States, but to such remote areas as Australia, Africa and even to the jungle-clad mountains of Ceylon. According to rumors, nowhere had he flourished to the extent that he did in certain South American waters. Corey Ford and I were lucky enough to be given the opportu-

BY DAN HOLLAND

In the photograph above left Dan Holland holds up a Lake Maule trout that he would consider large only if it weighed more than 15 pounds. Above right: No, they are not Northern pike! Just a typical catch. Center fisherman is Corey Ford. At right, with the rugged terrain of Lake Maule providing the background, Dan photographed two members of his party when they caught two of the big rainbows at once.

OF LAKE MAULE

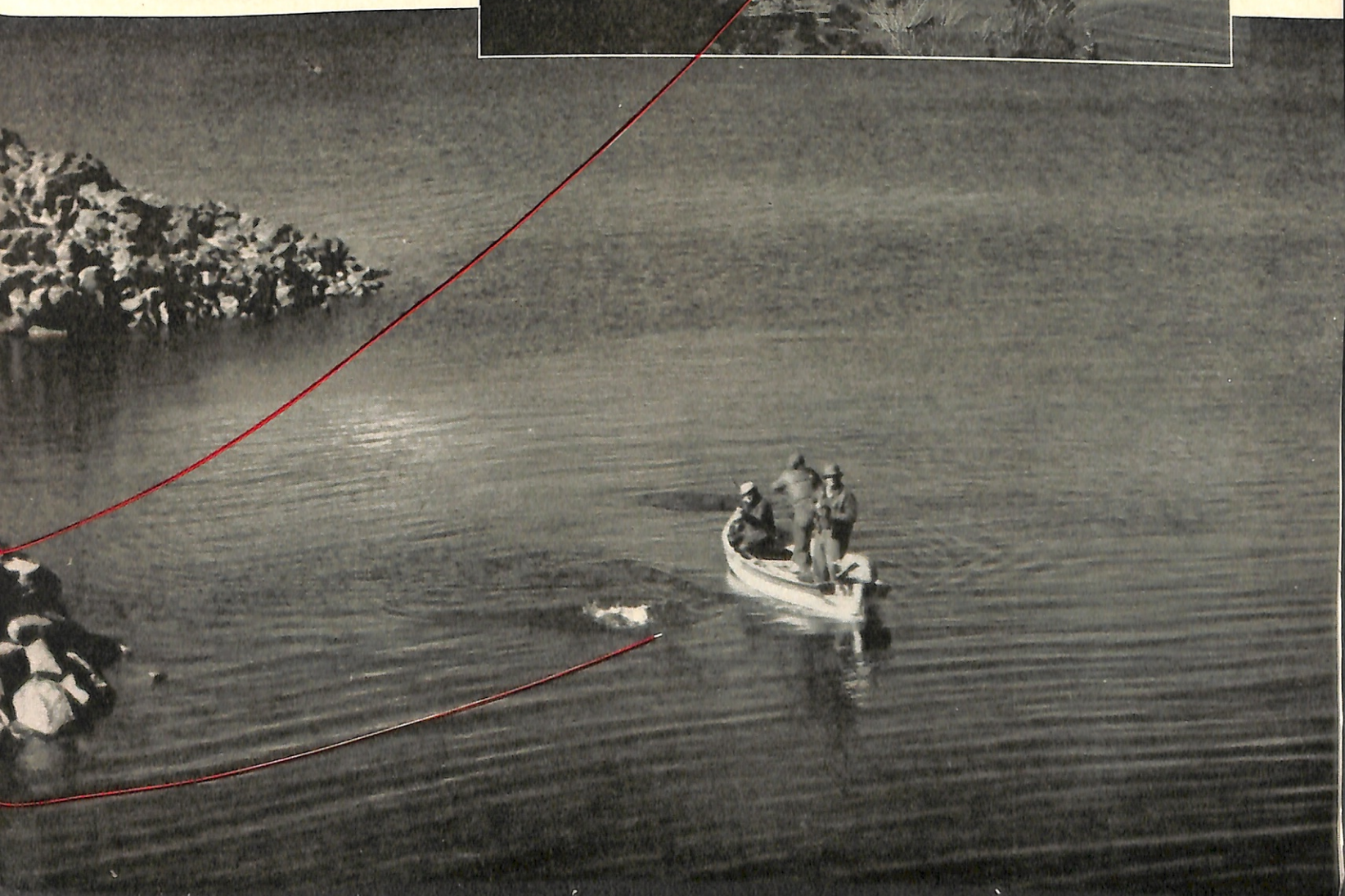
*In a remote Chilean lake
they throw back rainbows
that would make the front
page here at home.*

nity to explore and report on this fantastic fishing. We found it eventually in this exotic setting, in Lake Maule, as it is known.

In a strange land with a strange tongue it isn't easy to find one's way about. The only trout water in Chile about which we had any definite information was the Tolten River. By reputation it was the finest, but we were due for a disappointment. Our state-side information was out of date. It seems that three years prior to our arrival a huge snow-capped volcano at its headwaters had erupted, flooding the river with melted snow and choking it with silt. The Tolten was just commencing to recover. We took a number of small ones, but the largest was a

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Photos by Dan Hoiland



ANOTHER PAGE FOR YOUR

ELK FAMILY ALBUM



Gardner, Mass., Lodge's Junior P.E.R. R. William Viner, seated at right, is pictured with his father-in-law, Joseph A. Rousseau, also seated, and Mr. Rousseau's five sons, standing, left to right: Cleo, Norman, Roland, Arthur and Alvin, all members of Gardner Elkdome.



Before he retired as E.R. of Clearwater, Fla., Lodge, Robert H. Pride had the honor of initiating his two sons into the Order. The three generations of this fine Elk family are represented here by, left to right, Charles M., Ronald D., Royal D., Donald F. and Ronald H. Pride.



Morgantown, W. Va., Elk John P. Douds, second from left foreground, is pictured with his newly-initiated sons William T., left, H. James, right, and Hugh J., second from right. In the background are P.E.R. C. J. Whiston, left, and Past State Pres. Lawrence E. Pruett.



Past Grand Exalted Ruler Wade H. Kepner, second from left, was honored by his fellow Elks of Wheeling, W. Va., with the initiation of a class of 32 candidates, one of whom was his son, John Wade Kepner, left. Another candidate was Raymond C. Cody, Jr., right, son of P.E.R. Cody, second from right. Over 1,000 Elks participated in this tribute.



P.E.R. Harold Segal of Albany, N. Y., Lodge, second from left, congratulates 30-year-old Elk Martin E. Farrell whose four sons were initiated into the Order. Sponsored by P.D.D. P. A. Buchheim, left, the young men are Francis X., Joseph A., Martin E., Jr., and Thomas N. Farrell.



Corvallis, Ore., Elkdome has a record hard to beat in Robert Bennett, seated second from left, and his eight Elk sons. They are, standing, left to right: Dick, Ted, Roy, Ray and Ron, and, seated, Marvin, Carl, and Earl. The four R's in the family are the most recent initiates.



During a ceremony at Cocoa, Fla., Lodge, P.E.R. Jack C. Kaisner, left, enjoyed the privilege of initiating his father, Chester A. Kaisner, second from left, and Alburn S. Butler, third from left, whose son, P.E.R. Felton W. Butler, right, officiated as Est. Leading Knight.

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William H. Stratton
Governor



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Sincerely yours,

Richard J. Daley
Mayor

Visiting the Lodges with John L. Walker



In January, when the Grand Exalted Ruler visited Salt Lake City, Utah, Lodge, a delegation from Price, Utah, presented a check for \$1,000 to the Elks National Foundation, and present were from left: District Deputy John C. Green, Jr.; Vice-Pres. Utah Elks William M. Daniels; ER Jack Smith Jr.; Mr. Walker; Pres. Utah Elks, Thomas J. Schow; Reid Allred, Chairman of the Elks Charity ball, who made the presentation, and William J. Welsh, State Assn. Chairman of the Elks National Foundation.

ON JANUARY 19th, Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker and his wife were in ST. LOUIS, MO., where he received the key to the city from Mayor Raymond R. Tucker. Following this presentation there was a meeting in his suite of rooms at the Melbourne Hotel with officers of St. Louis and Clayton Lodges. Mr. and Mrs. Walker were then escorted to CLAY-

TON LODGE, where the Grand Exalted Ruler helped to lay the cornerstone of the new lodge, following which a luncheon was held. After the luncheon Mr. Walker spoke over Radio Station KWK, and particularly talked about the great work of the Elks National Foundation. That evening St. Louis Lodge held a buffet dinner in honor of the Grand Exalt-



At the speaker's table on February 1st when Macomb, Ill., Lodge celebrated its 50th Anniversary, were from left: PDD H. Foster Sears, PGER Henry C. Warner, GER John L. Walker, ER Harold Gilkerson and PDD Frank Horn.



Present at the dinner that Joliet, Ill., Lodge gave in the Grand Exalted Ruler's honor on Jan. 31 were, seated: ER Kent Bosworth, Mrs. Bosworth, Mr. Walker, and State Pres. Charles Clabaugh. Rear row from left: DD Frank Wohlleber, Mrs. Wohlleber, Vice Pres. at large George Thornton, Mrs. Bud Berrens, Mrs. George Thornton and Trustee Bud Berrens.

ed Ruler and among those present were Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner and Nick Feder, Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees.

The Grand Exalted Ruler arrived at JOPLIN, MO., during the afternoon of January 20th to attend the Four-State Jamborie held in his honor on January 20th, 21st and 22nd, with lodges from Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas and Arkansas participating. He was met at the Connor Hotel by a welcoming committee consisting of George D. Klingman, member of the Grand Lodge Credentials Committee, Past District Deputy Guy D. Moore, Mayor Freeman Johnson, Hal Patterson, President of the Joplin Chamber of Commerce, Father James J. Holmes, Rabbi Charles B. Latz and Paul Stauffer, Potentate of Mirza Schrine, Pittsburg, Kans. That evening a Four-State Initiation was held in the auditorium of the Scottish Rite Temple and 54 candidates were initiated, with 450 Elks in attendance. Among those present in addition to Past Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James, who introduced the Grand Exalted Ruler, were the Presidents of

Below: At the luncheon that Kansas City Lodge gave in the Grand Exalted Ruler's honor on January 17th, were seated from left: Col. Wm. E. Parker, Kansas City Police Dept.; DD Clyde J. Ellis, Mr. Walker, ER Robert W. Boyle and Francis Karr, Pres. Mo. State Elks Assn. Rear row: Floyd Brown, Field Representative for the Elks National Service Commission; Trustee Andrew A. Brown; Sec. Joseph A. Green; Bernard Brannon, Chief of Police; Judge Richard M. Duncan; Kenneth Baker, and Randall Jesse, associated with WDAF-TV.



Present at the banquet that Denver Lodge gave in the Grand Exalted Ruler's honor on January 16th were from left: Jacob L. Sherman, member Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary; Gov. Edwin C. Johnson; Mr. Walker; Exalted Ruler Edward H. Sampson; Pres. Colorado Elks Don Johnson, and Past District Deputy Duke W. Dunbar.



Elks from Washington talking matters over with the Grand Exalted Ruler when he visited Tacoma, Wash., Lodge on Jan. 12, were, seated from left: Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson and District Deputy Ron Gosselin. Standing: ER William E. Bysegger, Edwin J. Alexander, Chairman, Grand Lodge Youth Activities Com., and Norbert Grove.



At the 88th Anniversary banquet of New York Lodge No. 1, on Feb. 18, left to right: Past Exalted Ruler Stanley S. Katzenstein, Toastmaster; Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan; Mayor Robert F. Wagner, Past Exalted Ruler of No. 1; Grand Exalted Ruler Walker, and Supreme Court Justice Arthur Markewich, Exalted Ruler of No. 1.

the four State Associations: Francis Karr, Trenton, Mo.; Jas. T. Aaron, Texarkana, Ark.; F. T. Pucka, Lawrence, Kan.; John Coons, Bartlesville, Oklahoma; District Deputies John E. Craig, A. E. Maupin, Henry F. Schultz, Victor H. Wilder, Lawrence S. Hill, and Clyde Ellis.

The next day Mr. Walker and a group of Elks attending the Four-State Jamboree visited "Elkland", the children's polio ward in St. John's Hospital, and at that time Exalted Ruler Brice E. Crouch presented a check to "Elkland." During the afternoon, a reception was held at Joplin Elks Club honoring Past Grand Exalted Ruler Earl E. James. In the evening a banquet was held at the Connor Hotel and Mr. Walker again was introduced by Mr. James. Exalted Ruler Crouch presid-

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On January 19th the Grand Exalted Ruler visited St. Louis, Mo., Lodge. Among those attending the banquet in his honor were, seated from left: John D. Johns; PER D. B. Tammany; Al Lardo; Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner; Mr. Walker; Exalted Ruler Virgil M. Nixon; Wm. Kublin and Charles A. Humfeld. Standing from left: District Deputy K. W. Kaveler; Charles K. Humfeld; Al Elbert; Past Grand Esquire H. H. Russell; Chairman, Board of Grand Trustees, Nick Feder; C. T. Watson; District Deputy Henry Schultz; H. G. Rosenthal, Sec. L. J. Horan, W. D. Robeson and Charles Forrest.



Grand Exalted Ruler Walker presenting a check for \$600 from the N. M. Elks Assn. to Hobbs, N. M., Lodge's Cerebral Palsy Center Chairman J. E. Box when he visited there on January 27th. The boy in the wheel chair is James Bogan, who has been at the CP center for three years. Standing to the rear of him is State Pres. Dante Vaio.



Present at the informal luncheon at Connor Hotel in Joplin, Mo., on January 21st, were seated left to right: DD L. S. Hill and John Craig; member Grand Lodge Credentials Committee George D. Klingman; Mr. Walker; Exalted Ruler Brice E. Crouch; PGER Earl E. James; Past Grand Esquire H. H. Russell, and DD A. E. Maupin. Standing: Leland Kitto; PDD Ben B. Harris; DD Clyde Ellis; Exalted Ruler, Kansas City lodge, Robert Boyle; Pres. Mo. State Elks Assn. Francis Karr; PDD Guy D. Moore; Pres. Kansas State Elks, F. T. Pucka; PDD Glenn Edwards and Charles Bottorff; and Charles A. Luckinbill, Boy Scout Executive, Joplin.



Past Grand Exalted Ruler William H. Atwell greets Grand Exalted Ruler Walker when he arrived at Dallas, Texas, Lodge on January 22nd. Left to right: Floyd B. Ford, Chairman Board of Directors Crippled Children's Hospital; Past State Presidents Carl Mann and R. L. Wright, District Deputy W. P. Howell, State President E. C. Bunch, Judge Atwell, Mr. Walker, Past State President Dr. D. E. Biser and H. S. Rubenstein, Sec. Texas Elks.

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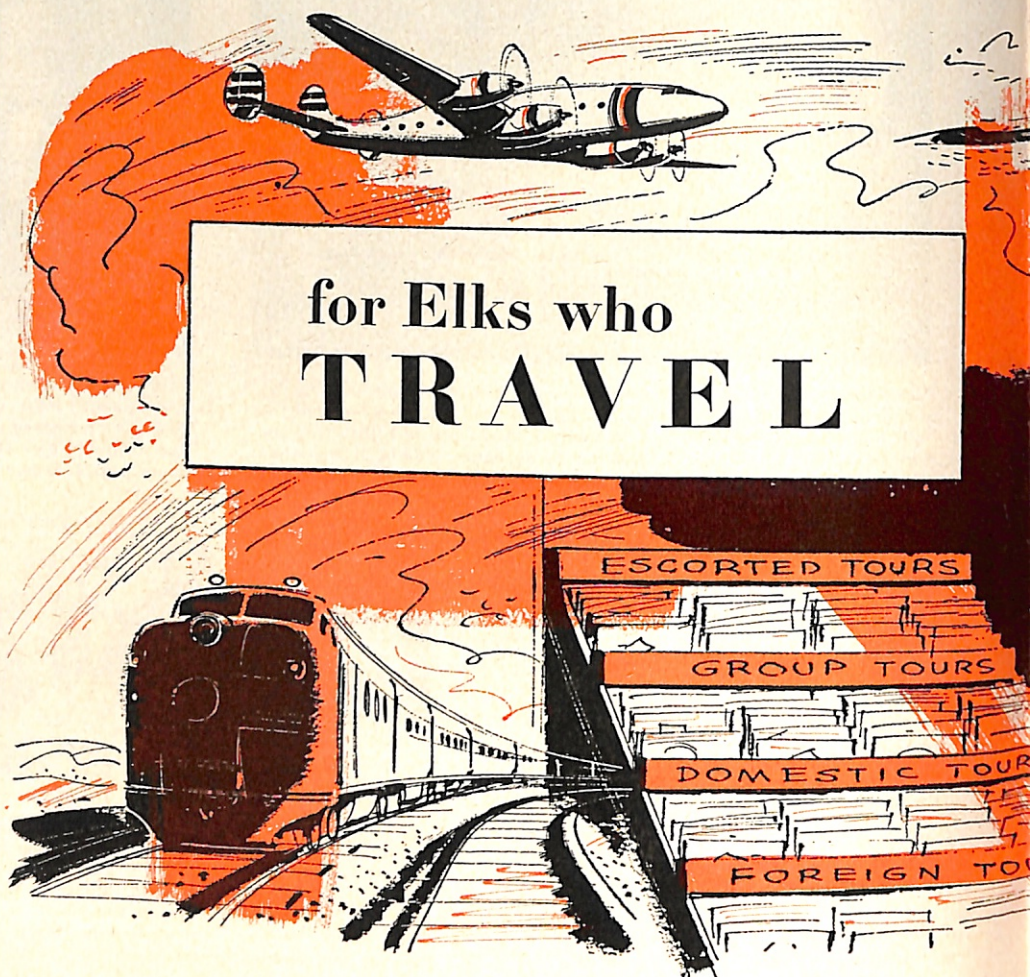
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What to think about before planning your tour.

BY HORACE SUTTON

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SO MANY TRAVELERS and potential peregrinators have expressed wonder, doubt and perplexity about how to hit the road that we shall dedicate this corner this month to a clarification of the voyager's jargon that appears in the travel ads and folders.

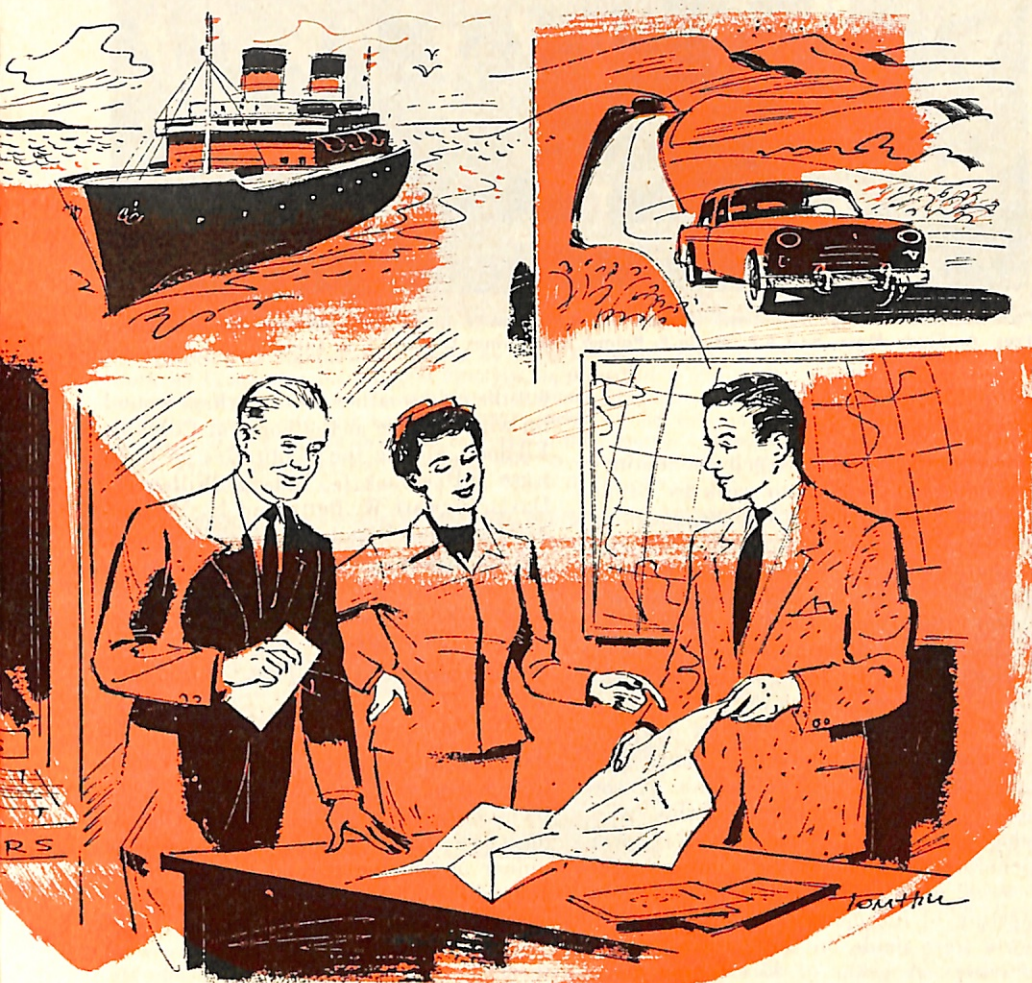
Now, first of all, let us say that it is entirely possible to go out and take a tour on one's own; be the odyssey an inspection of the local countryside with an overnight in a motel, or be it a full scale excursion across the seas and into Europe. It is perfectly possible for anyone to sit down and write hotels (whether here or abroad), to arrange for internal travel inside Europe (or the U. S.), and, of course, to buy a transatlantic, or for that matter, a transpacific ticket. But it should be very clearly borne in mind by all except the most experienced traveler that planning a trip, especially an overseas trip, ought to be the work of a professional. The professional has already made the mistakes, suffered the

pitfalls, and you might as well take advantage of his hard-earned know-how.

For those who have wondered about the different types of tours, here is a broad-topic breakdown:

1. Escorted tours
2. Group tours
3. Foreign Independent tours (or domestic independent tours)

Now an escorted tour implies the presence of a trained escort who accompanies the tour from some central starting point, and stays with it until it disbands at the end of the prescribed number of days on the road. In the case of foreign escorted tours, the escort usually takes the party from the states and may be assisted, once abroad, by a local courier. The courier and/or the escort are specialists who speak several languages, know the customs officials, as well as the ropes and the short-cuts. A good escort also knows what to do with his party once the day's sightseeing is done. He knows what clothes are right to wear, what



places are interesting to visit, what dishes are likely to disagree with unfamiliar stomachs.

The advantages of an escorted tour for the tyro traveler is that he doesn't have to fend for himself from start to finish. He isn't necessarily consigned by ignorance to continued meals in the same uninteresting hotel dining room. He doesn't have to fret about his luggage, or getting through customs. Sometimes tours require that members carry standardized luggage which has been designed and scaled to fit in European trains and buses. Baggage on escorted tours is usually limited to a pair of suitcases about 30 x 20 x 10 plus an overnight case which you will carry yourself.

Now, of course, there are disadvantages to the escorted, too. Most obviously is that dire fear of being herded about in a flock. A traveler subscribing to an escorted tour must be prepared to be regimented, must be ready to be escorted to large tables at restaurants and eat the table d'hôte blue plate special. One must be ready for all functions on time, at the specification of the tour leader, otherwise the whole party is detained, and one enters a bus of muttering hostile companions. If you have no taste for

community life, don't enroll in an escorted tour.

Group tours, the second category I have listed, are usually organized by some social, fraternal or even industrial organization whose participants will either know each other or have a certain community of interest. Usually a group tour is organized by a group leader who takes his notions to a travel agent. The agent will either plan the entire tour himself, or he will in turn take it to a tour operator who is a sort-of wholesaler of the travel industry. The wholesaler has standard trips set up with sources abroad and he merely offers that standard package to the retail travel agent. Many group tours are organized these days as parts of conventions, either on post or pre-convention tours or as the convention itself.

Typical convention group tours are those that are being run as shipboard cruises, with all entertainment, side trips, cabins, meals figured into one packaged cost.

Foreign independent tours (or domestic independent tours) can be sub-divided into two types: those that are bought out of a folder and are ready made and

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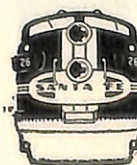
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Pictured with Pascagoula, Miss., Lodge's State President's Class are, center foreground, Assn. Pres. A. Clyde Moss, host E.R. Merle F. Palmer and former Lt.-Gov. J. B. Snider.

John L. Walker Addresses Oregon Winter Session

Oregon Elks were urged to continue and increase their youth work by Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker, speaking before 400 delegates to the Midwinter Conference of the Oregon Elks Assn. at Corvallis. Tillamook Lodge's outstanding Drum and Bugle Corps escorted Mr. Walker to the Meeting.

Highlight of the Jan. 13th program was the initiation of a class of 33 candidates from all over the State by an All-State Championship Ritualistic Team. Est. Lead. Knight Robert Holcomb of the host lodge was in charge of this ceremony, while E.R. Frederick Raw was General Chairman of the Convention.

Pres. Martin P. Coopey conducted a meeting of his officers during which reports were made on the Assn.'s various activities. A grant of \$5,478 was made by the Ore. Elks to the Children's Eye Clinic at the University of Oregon Medical School to continue its visual aid program. Almost \$82,000 has been donated to the clinic by these Elks since 1949, it was reported by Frank Hise, Committee Chairman for this effort and of the Grand Lodge State Associations Committee.

The Albany Elks' band and Corvallis Lodge's musical unit entertained through-

out the cold-weather session which wound up with a dance at the home of Corvallis Elksdom. Among the dignitaries on hand were D.D.'s Jack G. Judson, Wilbert L. Davis, Stewart W. Patty and H. M. Randall, Special Deputy Clifton B. Mudd, former Grand Lodge Committeeman A. W. Wagner, Past State Pres. Elmo Angele and P.D.D. Earl T. Newbry, Secy. of the State.

Champaign Host to 1,000 Illinois Elks

More than 1,000 Elks from all over the State attended the 18th Annual Midwinter Round-Up of the Illinois Elks Assn. Feb. 3-5, with Champaign Lodge as host. The gala affair was climaxed by a dinner in honor of Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker, who was an inspired speaker at this event.

Singled out for special honors were those lodges which had achieved Mr. Walker's goal of 100 per cent paid-up membership. Lodges on this year's honor roll included Beardstown, Champaign, Fairfield, Flora, Joliet, Lawrenceville, Mattoon, Mount Carmel, Mount Vernon, Park Forest-Chicago Heights, Robinson and Urbana.

Pres. Charles W. Clabaugh presided at the business session when Elks from 60 of the State's 87 lodges decided to



Richard Koons, Treas. of Wabash, Ind., Lodge, left, presents his lodge's \$1,003 check to State Assn. Pres. Herb Beitz, right, for the State Elks Cancer Fund. The gift was made on the lodge's observance of State Association Night, in the presence of D.D. Harry L. Sprunger, Past State Presidents Roy Jorg and Cecil Rappe, Vice-Pres. Leonard Imel, Dist. Pres. Roy Rogers and Dist. Vice-Pres. A. B. Banghart. A class was initiated by E.R. S. A. Mann, center, and his officers as a tribute to Pres. Beitz.



E.R. Howard A. Black, center, greets Past Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick, left, and State Assn. Pres. William R. Thorne to Toms River, N. J., Lodge's "Bill Thorne Day" celebration when 23 candidates were initiated.



Left: Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker, right, is welcomed to the Midwinter Round-Up of the Illinois Elks Assn. by Pres. Charles W. Clabaugh, second from left. At left is host E.R. Lloyd S. Engert of Champaign Lodge. Second from right is Willis A. Kremin, General Chairman.

Right: This is the first panel of officers of Somerset Hills, N. J., Lodge, No. 1983, headed by Thomas J. Steward, standing sixth from left.





A Certificate of Appreciation signed by Basil O'Connor, Pres. of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, is presented to Pekin, Ill., Lodge by L. L. Atteberry, County March of Dimes Chairman. The presentation was made just before the Elks' ladies turned over to Mr. Atteberry the \$2,187.94 they had collected in their Mother's March on Polio. Left to right are Co-Chairladies Mrs. Orville Deppert and Mrs. William Fischer, Mr. Atteberry and E.R. Robert D. Deppert.



Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker and members of the Oregon State Elks Assn.'s Visually Handicapped Children's Committee with one of the young patients it befriends, pictured during the recent Association Meeting at Corvallis. Left to right are D.D. H. M. Randall, Marc Bowman, Mr. Walker and Vicki Schramosky, P.D.D. Robert M. Mulvey, State Assn. Pres. Martin P. Coopey and Committee Chairman Frank Hise, Chairman of the Grand Lodge State Associations Committee.



Photographed during Asbury Park, N. J., Lodge's 2nd Annual Charity Ball attended by over 500 members and guests are, left to right, Secy. and P.E.R. Wm. T. Glassford, Pres. Wm. R. Thorne of the N. J. Elks Assn., E.R. Obert Stetter, Ball Committee and Trustees Chairman Richard Newman, and right background, Vincent Lopez and his Orchestra.



E.R. M. L. Ranslem, center, presents one of 36 American Flags which Grand Island, Neb., Elksdom gave to the classrooms of the new high school to Ed Gzehoviak, Vice-Pres. of the Student Council. Looking on are P.E.R.'s E. P. Cunningham, Trustee, left, and G. R. Ferguson, Trustees Chairman, fourth from left, and School Principal Noel Lawrence.

meet at Springfield, May 25, 26 and 27 for their Annual Convention. Other dignitaries on hand included Past Grand Exalted Rulers Henry C. Warner and Floyd E. Thompson, Chairman Nick H. Feder of the Board of Grand Trustees, State Secy. Albert W. Arnold, and Past State Presidents Floyd Cheney, Denham Harney and Don C. Patten.

Salem's Elk keglers rolled 3151 pins to take the 10th Annual State Elks Team Handicap Bowling Tourney, with Champaign in second place. The 1954 champion, Wayne Belford of Springfield, won the 10th Annual Billiard Tournament.

South Carolina Elks Convene

The Semi-Annual Convention of the So. Carolina Elks Assn. was held Jan. 20 and 21 at Sumter with over 200 Elks and their ladies in attendance.

Anderson Lodge won the State ritualistic title, with Columbia in second place, and Rock Hill in third. During the business session, when a splendid address given by Past Grand Exalted Ruler John S. McClelland was applauded warmly, the Association voted to increase its scholarships from seven \$400 awards to nine, and also added \$200 to its Youth Leadership Awards.

The delegates, who will meet for their Annual Conclave at Columbia on May 11 and 12, were entertained at a social hour, buffet supper and a dance.

Freeport, N. Y., Elks Distribute Charities

Freeport Lodge No. 1253 conducted its annual "Charity Awards Dinner" at its home recently, with representatives of 27 hospitals and charitable organizations as guests of E.R. Joseph T. O'Connor and his fellow lodge members.

Following dinner, the guests were

taken to the lodge room for the formal presentation of the awards, the first time in the history of No. 1253 that such presentations were made during a regular lodge session.

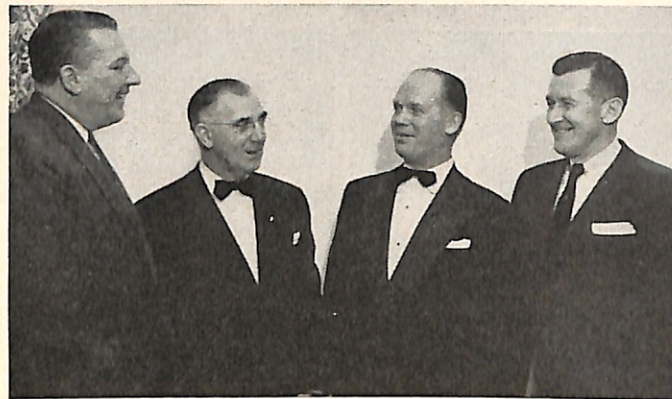
P.D.D. Thomas F. Dougherty, former Grand Lodge Committeeman, addressed the gathering, and Chairman Thomas D. Giacomo turned over to each representative a check for his organization.



For several years, the Elks of Norristown, Pa., Lodge have presented to each new citizen of the county a silk American Flag, following their naturalization ceremony, a program instigated by D.D. Robert Trucksess, Chairman of the American Citizenship Committee of the Pennsylvania Bar Assn., and adopted throughout the State on the recommendation of Judge Robert V. Bolger. Participating in the December session of the Naturalization Court were second, third, fourth and fifth from left respectively, D.D. Trucksess, Deputy Prothonotary Abram D. Hallman, a P.E.R. and Norristown Lodge's only living Charter Member, Judge William F. Dannehower, another Elk, and President Judge Harold G. Knight, author of an article published recently in the Pennsylvania Bar Quarterly, in which he commends the Elk program.



Grand Treasurer Edward A. Spry, third from left, pictured with, left to right, E.R. Alfred Gross of Boston, Mass., Lodge, John E. Fenton of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary, Pres. Michael J. McNamara of the Mass. Elks Assn., and Past Grand Exalted Rulers John F. Malley and E. Mark Sullivan at the testimonial given Mr. Spry by Boston Lodge.



Pictured on Virginia State Elks Assn. Night when Petersburg Lodge initiated a class of 17 in honor of Assn. Pres. Francis J. Howard were, left to right, Acting E.R. Hon. Benjamin L. Campbell, Mr. Howard, E.R. E. L. Ahl of Hampton Lodge's Championship Ritualistic Team, and Charles F. Curtice, Secy. of the State Assn. and of the host lodge.



This picture represents the presentation of a blood bank refrigerator to Emerson Hospital by the Elks of Maynard, Mass. Left to right are Trustee John J. Walsh, Est. Lead. Knight Frank Taylor, Hospital Technician Manning, E.R. John N. Colombo, Hospital Administrator Elmina Snow, P.E.R. John F. Thompson, A. S. Poyser who originated the Elks' Blood Bank program and Est. Loyal Knight Francis Roche.

Right: Participating in the surprise, and well-deserved, tribute to Phoenix, Ariz., Lodge's Alex W. Crane, P.D.D., center, were Past Grand Exalted Ruler George I. Hall, left, who presented a special plaque to the guest of honor, and E.R. W. H. Gray. The tribute, which included the initiation of a large class, was made in recognition of Mr. Crane's 37 years of devoted service to his lodge and State Association.



Below: Newspaper publisher for more than 50 years and the only living Charter Member of New Rochelle, N. Y., Lodge, its Secy., George P. Forbes, founder of the Mamaroneck Daily Times, center, was honored by his lodge recently. He is pictured as he received a plaque, the gift of Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker, from E.R. Frank Moreze, fourth from left, in the presence of, left to right, Est. Lead. Knight Dr. E. J. Sloan, James A. Gunn of the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities and Vice-Pres. Martin J. Traugott of the N. Y. State Elks Assn.



Above: E.R. Robert McMullen, right, with newly elected Life Members of St. Joseph, Mich., Lodge during an Old Timers Night dinner attended by 250 persons, including Elks of from 35 to 55-years' affiliation. Each 35-year member received a special pin during the program which included movies of the Rose Bowl Game shown by Sonny Grandelius, backfield star of Michigan State. Left to right, the honored Elks are Clarence Zick, William Schiebel, Chester Jordan, Rockwell Myers, P.E.R. Victor C. Ankli, Ira D. Wagner and Alfred H. Zick, P.E.R.



Freehold, N. J., Elks Honor P.E.R.'s

When Freehold Lodge No. 1454 held its annual P.E.R.'s Night recently, the N. J. So. Cent. Dist. Ritualistic Champions from Point Pleasant Lodge were on hand to initiate L. H. Seaburg.

Mr. Seaburg was the first candidate to receive an Elk's lapel pin and a booklet on "What It Is to Be an Elk", which

will be given to every new Elk by that lodge from now on. State Assn. Pres. Wm. R. Thorne made the presentation.

West Haven, Conn., Elks Mourn Fred Coxeter

Members of West Haven Lodge No. 1537 conducted special services in memory of Fred T. Coxeter, 59, who passed away Jan. 20th at Grace-New Haven Hospital following major surgery. He is

survived by a sister and two brothers.

A Charter Member and P.E.R. of his lodge, Mr. Coxeter was sanitary inspector of the town of West Haven and Pres. of the Conn. State Beekeepers Assn. Noted as a beekeeper, he had a wide reputation for rescuing citizens from swarming bees. He held a membership in the Rotary Club and was one of the organizers, and a life member, of the West Shore Fire Department.

A DECADE OF SERVICE

With the close of World War II, the interest of those who had stayed at home was focused on our veterans, particularly the disabled who were crowding into our VA hospitals. To these hospitals came people from all walks of life, offering their service to make the patients' life easier. Their services were welcomed, and used—but there was no coordinated plan of operation, no set schedule to make the best use of these volunteers.

So early in April, 1946, VA officials and representatives of leading veterans and welfare organizations, the Elks among them, held a meeting at VA headquarters in Washington, D.C., to devise a plan that would put the hospital volunteers into one, coordinated group.

On April 15th of that year, the same officials convened under the title of Veterans Administration Voluntary Service National Advisory Committee.

And so, the VAVS was born.

By February, 1947, the program was broadened to include volunteer nursing, physical medicine and rehabilitation, social service and all other modern hospital medical activities.

Today volunteers are at work in 25 different hospital program areas—from the laboratory to the library; from nursing to medical photography. Their number has increased from 55,000 volunteers a month to 86,000 today. In 1946 they contributed a total of 3,000,000 hours to our VA patients; they served a total of 5,650,000 hours during the year just ended.

At the local level, there are over 400 different groups assisting in this program. At the national level there are 41 organizations which advise the VA on nationwide plans and policies for the VAVS.

Your Order is prominently active on this list.

It is fitting, then, that during the week of April 15, 1956, we take time out to make some special observance of the tenth anniversary of the VA Voluntary Service. It is therefore suggested that at lodge meetings at that time the Chairman of each Veterans Committee review for the lodge members the report of the National Service Commission to refresh their minds on how the Elks, as part of the VAVS, are helping to "serve those who served".



Echoes of

Christmas

THE 1955 Holiday Charity Programs conducted by the lodges of our Order and reported to the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities were rewarded by that group as represented here.

As is customary, the lodges were divided into three categories—I, for lodges of over 1,000 members; II, for lodges of between 500 and 1,000 members, and III, for lodges of less than 500 members.

The programs selected for first, second and third-place honors in each group are delineated with a picture and brief story coverage.

In addition to the nine winners, the following received Honorable Mention:

In Group I—Augusta, Ga., Denver, Colo., Fresno, Calif., Idaho Falls, Ida., Juneau, Alaska, Knoxville, Tenn.

In Group II—Athens, Ga., Clearwater, Fla., Montrose, Colo., Santa Maria, Calif.

In Group III—Big Spring, Tex.

GROUP I



With a record-breaking \$6,000 budget, the Nashville, Tenn., Elks made Christmas happy for 1,848 less fortunate townspeople and again took top honors for lodges in Group I. Under Chairman W. J. Roosen, 200 Elks delivered \$14 food baskets to 106 families; held parties at the Florence Crittenton Home, the State Training School, Tenn. Preparatory School, Knowles Home for the Aged and at their own home, where 460 children were entertained in three shifts. Statistically, 650 Elks participated and 11,000 pounds of food and 1,380 toys distributed.

GROUP II



Each year, with the cooperation of radio station KELA and local newspapers, Chehalis, Wash., Lodge conducts a Christmas Basketfillers program. One night a week for four weeks, the Elks put on an amateur talent show, open to the public with the admission price a cash or merchandise donation to fill the Christmas baskets. The 19th affair had the entire community cooperating in bringing two baskets of food, clothing and toys to each of 160 families, all prepared on an assembly-line basis by good-natured volunteers. Chairman Glen Barnhart, Jr., reports a 20 per-cent increase over last year's donations and his program took first place in Group II.

GROUP III



A real Holiday affair with all the trimmings, the Childress, Tex., Elks, in their top event for Group III, even provided a "Daddy" for each child from the lodge membership. They also had a "Mommy", since the wives also participated. Each child was picked up by his parents-for-the-day, and taken to the air field to see Santa arrive in a plane piloted by E.R. J. E. Ragsdale. From there the group returned to town led by Santa riding on a real fire truck. After a swing through the city, the children arrived at the party, enjoyed a light lunch and received their gaily wrapped gifts, each totaling \$20.



Through its Charity Ball and donation box, it was possible for Las Vegas, Nev., Lodge to spend over \$5,000 on its wide-spread Christmas project. Their gifts included clothing, food, toys, hospital and medical care, rent and home repair, gasoline and auto parts. Roger Foley as Chairman got together with representatives of other charitable groups and gave the Elks' pledge to pack and distribute their baskets for them. The bargain was carried out when the Elks packed and distributed over 500 baskets on Christmas day to take second place in Group I.



Rockford, Ill., Lodge's first Christmas party for needy children 42 years ago had 30 guests; the 1955 third-place event in Group I saw over 300 youngsters entertained with 80 members overseeing festivities under the guidance of Jim Sullivan, ten-year Chairman. The four-hour party began when the members called for the children, brought them to the lodge home for games, movies, refreshments, music, a clown and Santa Claus to hand out their gifts. It ended when the Elks took their charges home, happily tired and laden with presents.



Bemidji, Minn., Lodge's event which won second prize in Group II, saw 1,800 youngsters as guests in two theaters, following their welcome to Santa when he arrived by plane. On leaving the theaters, each child received a gift. A few days before Christmas, 50 Elks participated in a sacking-bee, filling baskets representing \$100 per family. They contained the customary food and clothing, with the addition of needed baby medical supplies. The Committee, pictured visiting a family of ten, used four cars and a day and a half, traveling 430 miles, to bring Christmas to 14 families, old folks' homes and Indian children.

Hundreds of Williston, N. D., children were guests of the Elks, recipients of third prize in Group II, at their annual free movie-show at two local theaters during Christmas week. In addition to seeing the show, the children were given Christmas treats as they left. The annual Canned Goods Dance staged by this lodge was a tremendous success, too, with hundreds of pounds of foodstuffs donated for distribution through the Salvation Army. Other holiday events included a Christmas concert and a Teen-agers Dance.



Fort Myers, Fla., Elksdom contributed \$1,400 in cash and merchandise to its basket program aiding 120 families comprising 628 persons. This lodge also held its annual Christmas Tree Party for children of the area when they gave a bag of goodies to over 1,000 youngsters. Each patient at the Fla. Elks' Crippled Children's Hospital received a gift from these Elks who also gave 72 American Flags to nine county schools as part of its observance which won second place in Group III.



Rocky Mount, N. C., Lodge took third-place honors in Group III with its two-party system. The first event was for wives and children of the membership who brought toys and other gifts for distribution to less fortunate youngsters who were guests of the lodge at the second party. Teaching their children to share is the basis of all Rocky Mount's Holiday events, and both groups of guests were royally entertained, with the more than 100 worthy youngsters receiving gifts from Santa himself.

A Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler



PLAN ELKDOM'S PROGRESS

MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS to you newly installed Exalted Rulers and Officers as you take over your duties this month. You have my sincerest wishes for a most successful administration. Yours is a great honor, for you have been chosen to guide the destinies of your lodge in the year ahead. And with that honor goes great responsibility, for upon your ability, diligence and devotion to duty will depend the continued and increased service of your lodge to the community and hence its contribution to the progress of Elkdom.

I would like to call the attention of each of you newly elected Exalted Rulers to the report I have sent to your predecessor on the condition of your lodge, its membership, finances and activities. This report, based on an analysis of your lodge submitted to me by your District Deputy, should be carefully studied. If it indicates that certain action is warranted to effect an improvement in your lodge, then such action should immediately be taken.

The books are now closed on the old lodge year and the time for appraising the results of your lodge's efforts in carrying out our Membership Control Program is at hand. I earnestly hope that on the basis of your lodge's record—in paid-up membership, percentage of increase in membership and effective control of delinquency and lapsation—it will be a recipient of one of my awards for a job well done. But though the March 31 deadline is past, this should not be a signal for a diminishing effort in the furtherance of this program. In fact, you should see to it that Membership Control work in your lodge is carried on with renewed vigor, to hold the ground gained, and to make further advances in this most vital program.

I would also like to point out that our campaign for the Elks National Foundation still has a month to go, since it is based on the fiscal year of the Foundation which terminates on April 30. An objective on the agenda of new Lodge Officers which should take precedence, therefore, is to make certain

that the committee appointed to carry on this drive continues to function until a new one is appointed. But whether the committee charged with this responsibility is old or new, it should work with all diligence to achieve the objective which we outlined when this program was inaugurated: "Every Elk, Every Lodge, Every State Association a Contributor and Participant in the Elks National Foundation Program This Year." The success of this program will be measured by the effort and enthusiasm which your Foundation committee puts into its work in these closing days of the campaign.

Just a word about new lodges. There are still many communities throughout the country which, as yet, do not boast the presence of a lodge of our Order. I will continue, unremittingly, my efforts to establish new branches of the Order in these areas until at the Grand Lodge Convention in July I turn over the gavel of office to my successor. I ask that every member of my team join with me in this endeavor, for the strength of our great Order lies in its continued growth.

By now your lodge's plans for the annual observance of Youth Day on May 1 should be well in hand. The Order's Youth Activities Committee confidently expects that this year's nation-wide observance in tribute to the youth of America, their leadership and many contributions to the life of the community, will be the most outstanding in the history of this event. It can and will be with the wholehearted cooperation of your lodge.

It will be obvious from the foregoing that in the lodge year which lies ahead there is much to be done in continuing and expanding the good work of our Order. The successful accomplishment of these many tasks lies with you, the officers and members of the lodge. Once again yours is the opportunity to

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John L. Walker
GRAND EXALTED RULER

"Elks National Youth Day demonstrates our partnership with youth and our interest in their affairs. America's youth will not fail us if we do not fail them."



E.R. Joseph L. Green, left, and Est. Lead. Knight Edward Morrisette survey the huge memorial plaque bearing the names of 357 deceased members of the 55-year-old Kankakee, Ill., Lodge, when this, and a second plaque to carry the names of those Elks who pass away during the next quarter-century, were dedicated. Each plaque is five by eight feet; weighs 700 pounds, accommodates 360 names.

LODGE NOTES

The educational film, "Together, Alive and Happy", sponsored by the Indiana Elks as part of their extensive cancer research program, is meeting with wide interest. Not long ago the County Cancer Society cooperated with Terre Haute Lodge in showing the film to hundreds of citizens at Union and St. Anthony's Hospitals, and at meetings of the Lions' and Optimist Clubs.

A history-making event in the annals of Blue Island, Ill., Elksdom occurred when E.R. Wilfred J. Simester initiated a class of ten candidates, two of whom were his sons, Richard and Robert.

Lakeland, Fla., Lodge's stunt, aimed at increasing blood bank contributions met with such success that the doctor in charge was forced to call a halt to these gifts because of the large number of donors. The gimmick was the Elks' offer of a turkey, or \$5 in cash, to the first 100 contributors.

Fort Carson's post residents whose trailers were blown over and damaged during the terrific windstorm over Christmas week-end received aid from the Red Cross, but the children involved were more grateful to the Elks of Colorado Springs, Colo., who gave them over 100 toys and Christmas stockings.

J. Earl Gray, Secy. of Hamilton, Ohio, Lodge for the past 16 years, has received an Honorary Life Membership in recognition of his many services to Elksdom since his initiation in 1930. A P.D.D., Mr. Gray is at present Treas. of the S.W. Dist., and Chairman of his State Membership Committee.

Year-old Hightstown, N. J., Lodge is proud of its record. At the 1955 State Assn. Convention it captured four parade awards, including the Grand Prize. With 230 members when it was instituted, it now boasts 300, and was one of only two N. J. lodges to receive Honorable Mention for its 1955 Newspaper Week.

Hackensack, N. J., Elk Henry W. Holman was voted the annual Realtor Community Service Award. Mr. Holman was chosen as the member who has made the most outstanding efforts for his community, receiving both local and State awards from former Gov. Alfred E. Driscoll.

D.D. Floyd Crisenberry was on hand for his official inspection of Cincinnati, Ohio, Lodge when the 30-man Grand Exalted Ruler's Class was initiated and dedicated to Elk Herman Mergard, Jr.



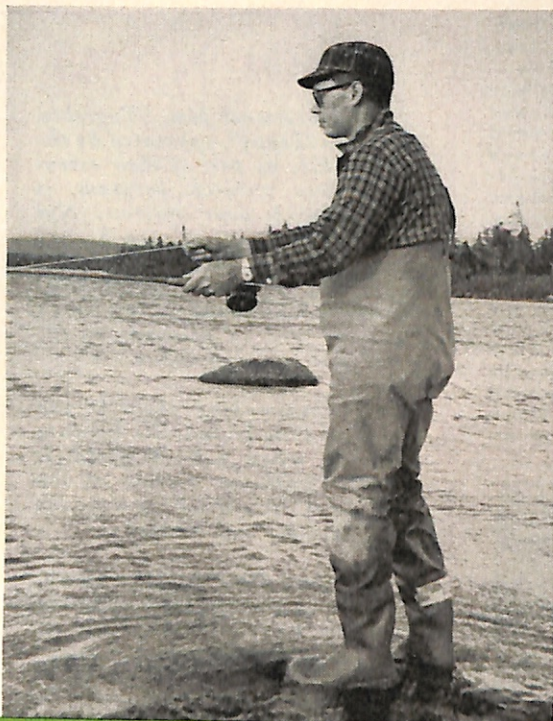
On the night D.D. Ronald C. Gosselin was due to make his official visit to Auburn, Wash., Lodge he underwent a serious operation. In his stead an imposing list of Grand Lodge officials, headed by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett T. Anderson, Chairman Edward J. Alexander of the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodge Activities and P.D.D. Charles J. Weller were on hand to participate in the initiation of the class pictured with them. Left to right, foreground, are E.R. James Swanson of Olympia Lodge, Mr. Weller, host E.R. Robert E. Gaines, Lt.-Gov. Anderson, Mr. Alexander and Chaplain Perry Love and Trustee Fuzz Nelson of Auburn Lodge.



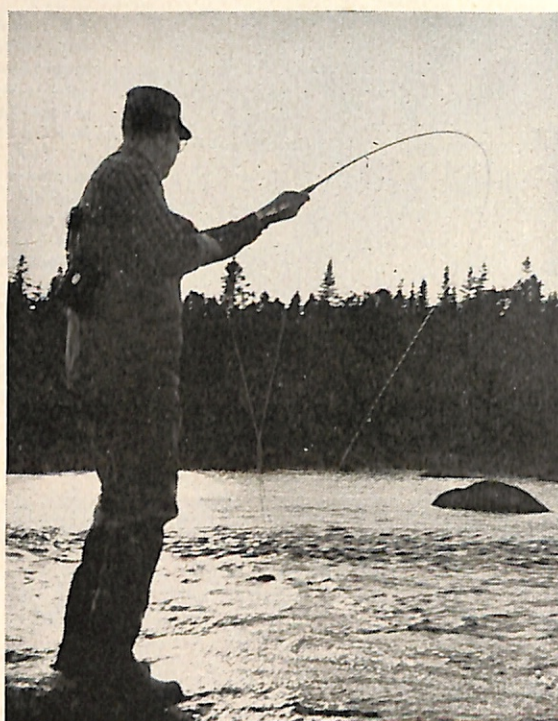
Photographed during the gala homecoming visit made by D.D. Ernest H. Lacore when 600 local and visiting Elks welcomed him to Torrington, Conn., Lodge and saw him receive an Honorary Life Membership are lodge officers, who initiated a class of 31 in Mr. Lacore's honor, 14 P.D.D.'s, D.D. John J. Lehan and seated third, fourth, fifth and sixth from left, foreground, Grand Est. Loyal Knight Arthur J. Roy, P.E.R. E. V. Schaller, D.D. Lacore and E.R. E. J. Sawoska.



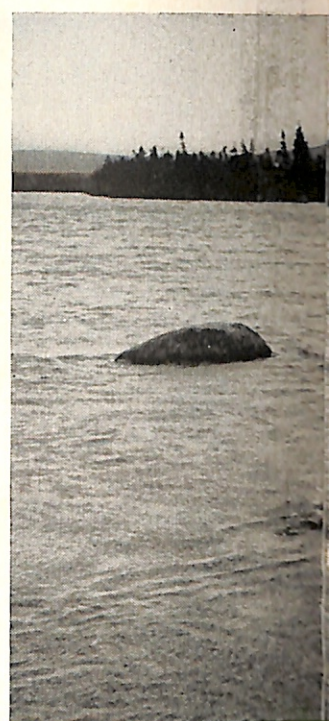
At North Little Rock, Ark., Lodge's observance of State Association Night, 39 candidates were initiated. They are pictured here with the officers who conducted the ceremony.



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WET FLY TACKLE and

BY TED TRUEBLOOD

Here's how Ted uses a wet fly—and the gear he likes.

DURING the 30 years or so that I've been learning how to catch trout, I've tried practically every known method. I've used every kind of tackle and every kind of bait, and I've even caught them in my hands, a method the Scotch call guddling.

All this has convinced me of one thing: About 90 per cent of the time from Opening Day until the end of the season the most effective way to catch trout is on a wet fly. A wet fly is not a bar fly nor yet an alcoholic house fly. It is an artificial fly fished beneath the surface of the water.

Dry flies, which float, have only been used in America for about 50 years. They were used in England before that, but nobody knows just how long before. Wet flies, however, have been luring the finny fools to their destruction for 1,700 years, and maybe longer.

Many kinds of flies are fished beneath the surface of the water—streamers, bucktails, nymphs and the conventional winged or hackled flies. Sometimes a rather sharp distinction is drawn. A bucktail or streamer, of course, always is fished to imitate a minnow. Aside

from that, I see little point in separating the various types. I use nymphs and conventional wet flies interchangeably and often fish them just the same.

Regardless of how we define them, I think there are only two conditions under which a wet fly of one kind or another is inferior. One is when the water is so muddy the trout can't see it. Then bait, a spinner, or a lure of some kind undoubtedly is better. The other is when aquatic insects are hatching and the trout are feeding on them on the surface. Then a dry fly is better. At all other times, whether the water is hot or cold, high or low, I would rather depend on a wet fly than anything else.

When I was living in New York, Pete Barrett and I decided to put in a final day trout fishing, just before the season closed. It was late in August and the weather was hot and dry. The streams were very low, very clear and too warm.

We caught a few fish, but I've forgotten about all of them except one. We discovered a school of about a dozen brown trout lying in a pocket behind a low dam. Some of them were pretty good, but they were indifferent to our best efforts. Final-

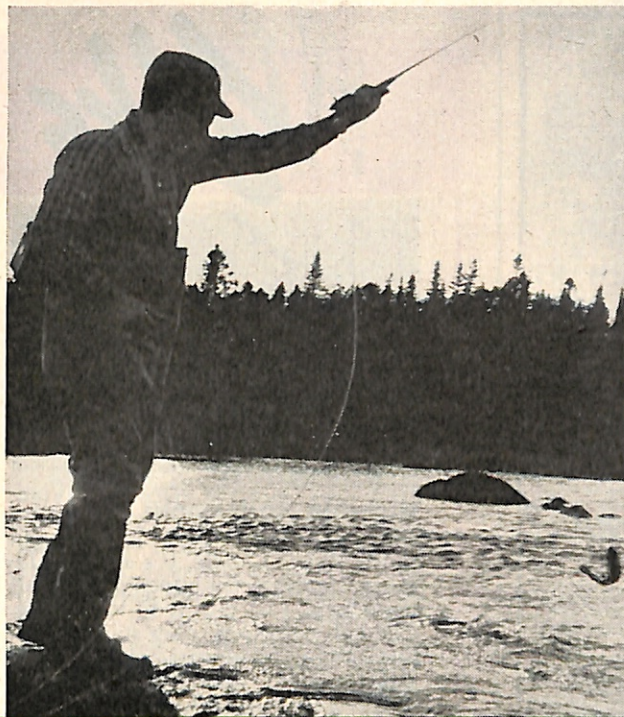
ly, I tied on a small, drab wet fly, made a cast and let it lie there for maybe five minutes, meanwhile watching from the shelter of a nearby alder.

After the trout had recovered from the alarm they showed when line and leader hit the water, and were again lying motionless near the bottom, I began to gather line slowly in my left hand. One of the best of them swam over and took the fly off the bottom. When I slid him out on the rocks at the foot of the pocket I discovered that he was 17 inches long.

I had a thermometer along that day, and I took the temperature of the trickle of water running out of the pool. It was 78 degrees. The air was 92.

Several years later, a couple of friends and I were fishing one of the western streams that remain open through the winter. It was three days before Christmas. There was snow on the ground and ice was forming along the edges of the pools. The temperature of the air was 25 degrees; of the water, 38. Yet we used the same tactics—cast, let line, leader and fly sink, wait and then retrieve slowly—to make a good catch of rainbows.

These were the highest and lowest



1 Pete Barrett fishing a wet fly near the outlet of a pond in Newfoundland. He has cast across the current and is now working his fly by twitching his line with his right hand as it swings around. Pete's a southpaw, hence the rod in left hand

2 Fish on! If Pete had hooked a big one, he would have reeled up the slack line quickly

3 Getting close. All the trout here are native brookies, and they seldom jump

4 Occasionally, however, one comes out of the water, shaking wildly

5 Now to get the fly out and turn him loose. There were too many trout in this pond, and they were thin, but we couldn't bring ourselves to keep more than the few we could eat

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Photos by Ted Trueblood

Tactics

water temperatures in which I have ever succeeded in catching trout. They were pretty lethargic in both cases, yet a wet fly fished as deep as it would go, and very slowly, succeeded in fooling them. I honestly doubt whether anything else, whether bait or lure, would have done it.

Twenty years ago, we used to hear a lot of talk about wet-fly rods and dry-fly rods. Some of the boys thought a dry-fly rod should have a faster action. Fortunately, that nonsense has pretty well run its course. A rod is a tool for casting. No matter what kind of fishing you're doing, the best rod is the one that will do the casting required most easily.

So far as I'm concerned, this means a rod in the neighborhood of eight feet and four ounces for most trout fishing. Some anglers like a shorter, lighter rod and others a longer, heavier one. If they're happy, so am I. I'll use a more powerful rod on a big stream where I have to cast a long line, but I don't care for rods much shorter than eight feet, even on the smallest brooks. I like the action to be neither extremely fast nor slow, but pleasant to use and with enough power to reach out a respectable distance when necessary.

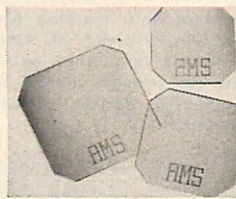
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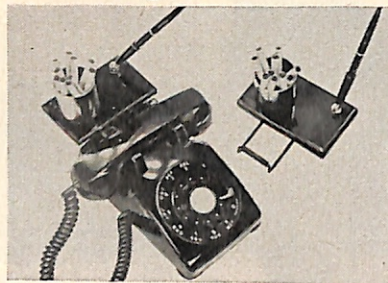
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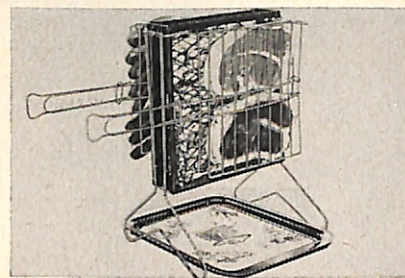
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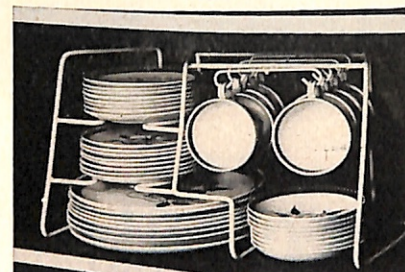
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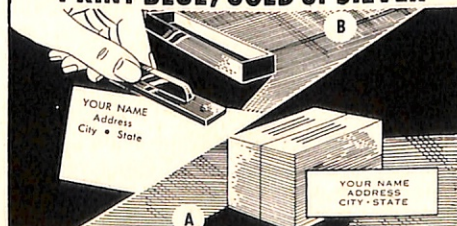
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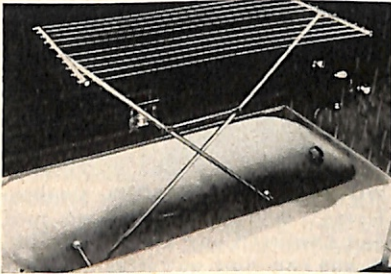
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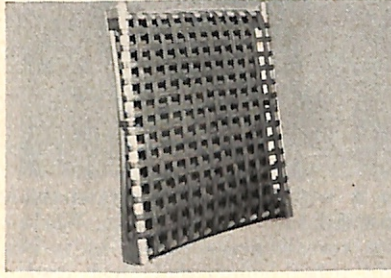
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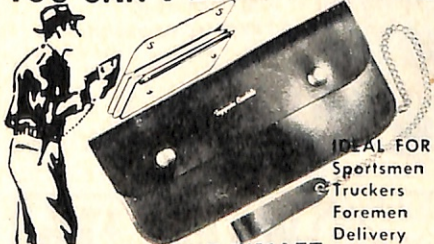
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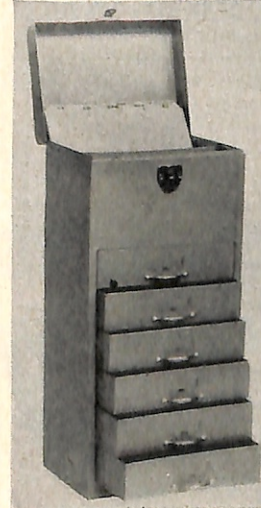
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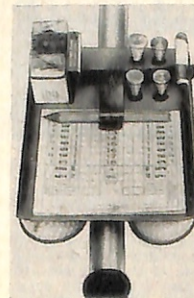
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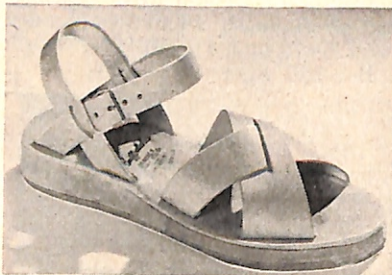
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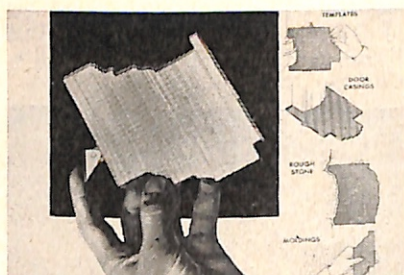
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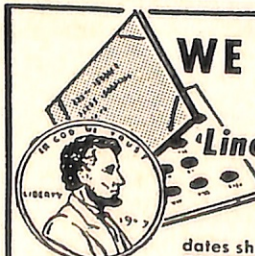
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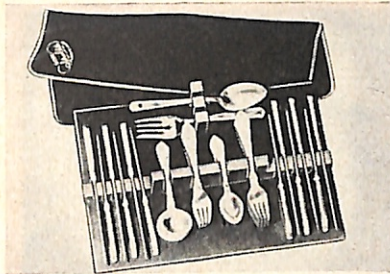
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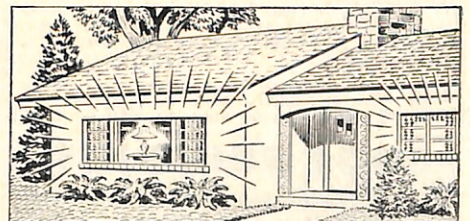
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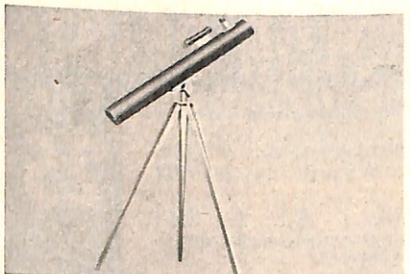
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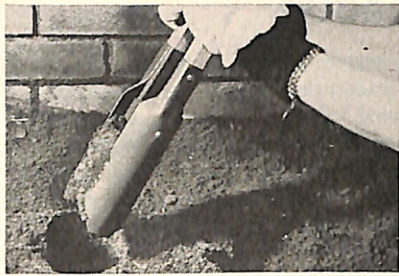
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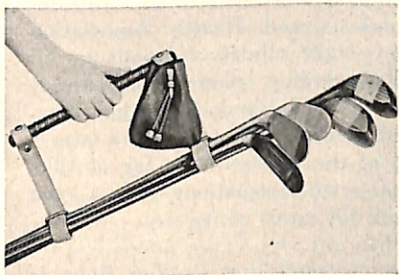
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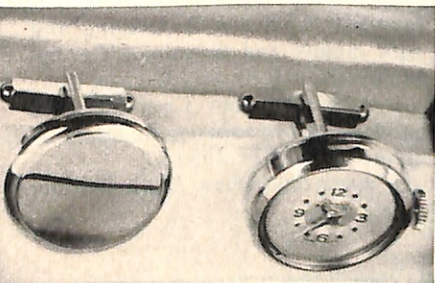
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ZANESVILLE, OHIO, LODGE PRESENTS ITS CANDIDATE FOR GRAND EXALTED RULER

With deep pride and pleasure Zanesville, Ohio, Lodge, No. 114, presents its Past Exalted Ruler, Fred L. Bohn, as candidate for the office of Grand Exalted Ruler, for consideration of the Grand Lodge, in convention to be assembled at Chicago, Illinois, July 8 to 12, 1956.

The unanimous action of his home lodge taken on December 5, 1955, in making this recommendation, is based upon its knowledge of Brother Bohn as—

A true and loyal Elk devoted to the work of the Order,

A civic leader, with an outstanding record of success,

A loyal and patriotic American,

A devout member of his Church.

Following his initiation on February 25, 1925, he served on various committees of his lodge, was advanced through the Chairs and elected Exalted Ruler in 1928. He was appointed District Deputy for Ohio Southeast by Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd Thompson in 1932. For several years he served on various committees of the Ohio Elks Association, and was elected its President in 1936, the youngest man to hold that position.

Because of this thorough background in Elksdom, Brother Bohn was elected Grand Esteemed Leading Knight in 1949, and a member of the Board of Grand Trustees in 1950. He served as Home Member of the Board in 1951-53 and as Chairman of the Board in 1953-55.

Through ability and untiring endeavor Brother Bohn has come from service in subordinate lodge to a high place of esteem in the Grand Lodge.

Brother Bohn was born in Zanesville, Ohio, on the 8th day of May, 1902, and has lived here all his life. He was married October 28, 1931, to Miss Dorothy Aitken, a Zanesville girl, and they are the parents of three daughters. A former newspaper editor, Brother Bohn, for the past 18 years, has been engaged in the plumbing and heating, manufacturing and supply business.

Brother Bohn's activities have not been limited to Elksdom. He is a past president of Rotary Club, a member of the Board of Directors of the Good Samaritan Hospital, P.T.A., and the Knights of Columbus. His business ability was recognized when he served as a director of both the junior and senior Chambers of Commerce, and his organizational ability was recognized when he served as chairman of the Community and War Chest campaigns during World War II. He helped to organize the Milk Fund, Little Theater Guild, Industrial Foundation, Crippled Children's Committee, and School Boy Patrol in Zanesville.

His concern with human problems is perhaps best attested by his work in the Tuberculosis Association. As Chairman of the Christmas Seal campaign in 1948, his committee received national recognition for raising its sales from thirty-eighth to eighth position in Ohio. He subsequently served as President of the Muskingum County Tuberculosis and Health Association which conducts twenty-eight clinics a month in all fields of health work, including tuberculosis, cancer, baby care, venereal diseases and food handling. Through Brother Bohn's efforts this association enjoys the financial backing of the Zanesville Lodge of Elks along with many other civic associations. It has been pointed out as a model for cities of its size.

The foregoing demonstrates that Brother Bohn is a loyal American, courageous, ever faithful to his obligations, dynamic in all of his endeavors for that which is good, and ambitious to render greater service for the good of the Order. For more than thirty years he has given freely of his time, labor and finances in the cause of Elksdom.

It is with justifiable pride that the officers and members of Zanesville Lodge No. 114 present one of Ohio's leading Elks. We sincerely believe that Brother Bohn is eminently qualified by training and experience to fill with dignity and distinction the important office of Grand Exalted Ruler. We ask your consideration and support of former Grand Trustee Fred L. Bohn's candidacy to head this great Order of ours during the important year of 1956-57.

Paul Baghman, Exalted Ruler
Benjamin Cohn, Secretary

ETNA, PA., LODGE AGAIN PRESENTS GRAND SECRETARY DONALDSON FOR REELECTION

THE MEMBERS of Etna Lodge No. 932 are proud and happy to propose the name of Lee A. Donaldson as a candidate for reelection to the office of Grand Secretary of the Order. Brother Donaldson's activities since his appointment as Grand Secretary in September of 1954, and his election in July of 1955, have earned for him the confidence and respect of Elksdom.

Before assuming his full-time duties in Chicago, Brother Donaldson knew the workings of the Fraternity at every level, from his services as Exalted Ruler and Secretary of his home lodge, District Deputy and President of the Pennsylvania State Elks Association, member and Chairman of Grand Lodge Committees, and finally as Grand Esteemed Leading Knight. In his home community he was

an active leader of civic affairs, having been Burgess of Etna and a member of the Allegheny County Board of Viewers, a quasi-judicial body which tried and adjudicated land condemnation cases.

In an editorial which appeared in *The Elks Magazine*, the editor wrote: "So long as Lee Donaldson is Grand Secretary, we can all know that the office will be diplomatically and efficiently administered."

Certain that such is the case, the members of Etna Lodge No. 932 are confident that the delegates to the 1956 Convention will again unanimously reelect Lee A. Donaldson to this important post.

C. James Rylands, Exalted Ruler
C. E. Thompson, Secretary

LAKEWOOD, OHIO, LODGE PRESENTS ITS CANDIDATE FOR GRAND EXALTED RULER

On November 16, 1951, Lakewood Lodge No. 1350, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks unanimously adopted a resolution to submit to the Grand Lodge the name of its prominent member and Past Exalted Ruler Brother Cyril A. "Cy" Kremser, for the office of Grand Exalted Ruler whenever it became apparent that Ohio Elksdom was being considered to furnish a candidate for that high office.

With every indication that this time was at hand, Lakewood Lodge, at its regular meeting of August 5, 1955, reiterated its previous action by again unanimously resolving to present the name of Cyril A. "Cy" Kremser for the office of Grand Exalted Ruler at the next Convention of our Order.

Cyril Kremser was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on November 20, 1899, and became a member of Lakewood Lodge on October 29, 1926, at the instance of his wife Bernice whom he had married in July of that same year.

Lakewood Lodge is one which demands an apprenticeship of thorough indoctrination in Elksdom in qualifying an officer, and "Cy" Kremser, by his faithful attendance at lodge, active participation in lodge affairs, and painstaking diligence in performing various committee assignments, warranted his election to Exalted Ruler in 1940, after having successfully served the Chairs of his lodge. The exceptional industry he exhibited during his tenure as Exalted Ruler resulted in his election as Trustee for two five-year terms.

"Cy" has served his State Association in various committee assignments which include chairmanships of the Ritualistic Committee (2), National Foundation (2), and Golden Jubilee Committee. He is also a Past President of Ohio Elks Past Exalted Rulers Association, and has attended every semi-annual session of the Ohio Elks Association since 1937. Playing a major part in the organization of the Northeast Ohio District Elks Association, he holds an unblemished record of attendance at all of its 66 quarterly meetings.

His ability to get things done, his fidelity to purpose, and willingness to work have earned for him recognition in Grand Lodge—as Activities Committee Member under Past Grand Exalted Rulers Charles Broughton and Joseph Kyle; as Grand Esquire under Past Grand Exalted Ruler George Hall; as District Deputy under Past Grand Exalted Ruler Emmett Anderson, and as Ritualistic Committee Member under Past Grand Exalted Ruler William J. Jernick. "Cy" has attended every Grand Lodge Session since 1940 at Houston.

His interest in fostering and promoting better ritualistic work throughout our Order has placed him in the front rank of ritualistic endeavor. For several years, in addition to judging ritualistic contests at District, State and National levels, he compiled, printed and distributed free of charge for the asking, a Ritualistic Training Sheet. This sheet was subsequently adopted and distributed by the National Ritualistic Committee under Past Grand Exalted Ruler Howard Davis, a practice which is continuing to the present time.

At the age of 20 "Cy" Kremser became financially interested in the establishment of a printing business, and the succeeding year actively engaged in its promotion and management. At the age of 24 he became president of the concern, an office he retains to this date at the Continental Printing Company in Cleveland. His sincere devotion and uninterrupted service to our Order precluded his participation in other fraternal or civic enterprises; his refusal to compromise principle even for expediency has won for him the respect and admiration of his Brother Elks.

It is with genuine pride, therefore, that Lakewood Lodge presents Cyril A. "Cy" Kremser as its candidate for Grand Exalted Ruler, secure in the belief that his wide experience, demonstrated interest and unflinching fidelity to our Order qualify him for that high office.

Arthur Herwat, Exalted Ruler

Walter Loew, Secretary

F. Eugene Dayton *Mourned*



On January 26th, F. Eugene Dayton, an Honorary Life Member of Salinas, Calif., Lodge, No. 614, and a lifelong resident of that city, passed away very suddenly at the age of 68.

Initiated into No. 614 in 1909, Mr. Dayton served his lodge as E.R. in 1916, and was Trustee from 1918 until the time of his death. In 1925 he was appointed District Deputy by Grand Exalted Ruler William Hawley Atwell, and was elected President of his State Association in 1931. He served the Grand Lodge in many capacities, his most distinguished office being that of Grand Esteemed Leading Knight, a post he held in 1944-45, and again in 1945-46.

A highly-respected business and civic leader, Mr. Dayton had been President of the well-known California Rodeo, held annually in Salinas, from 1936 until 1953. Keenly interested in youth work, he was a District Committeeman of the Executive Council of the Area Boy Scouts from 1931 until his death. A former member of the State Assembly, President of the Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of nearly every local War Bond Drive, he was a 32nd Degree Mason, and President of the Masonic Hall Association for 38 years.

The entire membership shares with his wife, Anna Dayton, the loss of this friendly, devoted and capable Elk.

NEWS of the LODGES



Above: Gorgeous George, the well-known wrestler, has been a member of Eugene, Ore., Lodge since 1936. He is pictured here with E.R. William T. Callaway of Abilene, Tex., Lodge when George paid a visit to that branch of the Order.

Below: This is the Ritualistic Team, composed of prominent Elk officials of Mississippi, which initiated 28 candidates into Greenwood Lodge as a tribute to State President A. C. Moss, one of the initiating officers. Left to right are E.R. Robert L. Calhoun of Hattiesburg, Est. Lead. Knight Jack Calhoun, E.R. Merle F. Palmer and Mr. Moss of Pascagoula, Est. Lead. Knight Graham Hicks of Natchez, and P.E.R.'s M. V. Mulvihill, Jr., and C. G. Brent of Vicksburg Lodge.



Above: Polio patients Mrs. Betty Young and David Wilson, from University Hospital, attended the annual Polio Fund-Raising Dinner given by Iowa City, Ia., Lodge at which over \$325 was collected. Their attendants are Mrs. Elizabeth Sprague and therapist D. A. Chase.



Left: E.R. F. L. Sharp presents Carroll, Ia., Lodge's \$360 check to Sister M. Muriel, Administrator of St. Anthony Hospital, to pay for the new infant resuscitator and baby gas machine which are now in use at the Hospital. At left is L. A. Macke; at right, C. F. Reilly and R. R. Crotts.



Above: Lawrence D. Rice, right, accepts the 1956 "Elk of the Year" Award from last year's honoree, P.E.R. Frank W. McDonald, at ceremonies attended by 75 Lawrence, Kans., Elks. The award, made annually by the P.E.R.'s of that lodge, was given to P.E.R. Rice in recognition of his outstanding work for Elksdom.



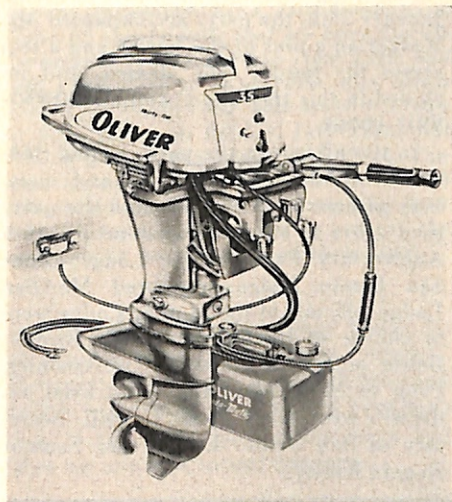
Above: This group of candidates, pictured with their lodge officials, brings the Minot, N. D., Elk membership roster to 2,100.



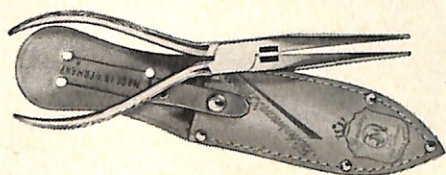
Above: In the year's-end class initiated into Fargo, N. D., Lodge, seven of the candidates, pictured here with Esteemed Lecturing Knight Rex Fogarty, right, were affiliated with the Super-Valu Stores.

Left: With their Scoutmaster, Floyd McIntyre, are some of the members of Boy Scout Troop No. 17 sponsored by Big Spring, Tex., Lodge whose members were hosts to the boys and their parents during Boy Scout Week. The affair, celebrated the Troop's second anniversary. In a city of 35,000 people there was no sponsoring organization for this group until the Elks took over; they feel well repaid as the Troop has taken several first and second places in various Scouting contests.

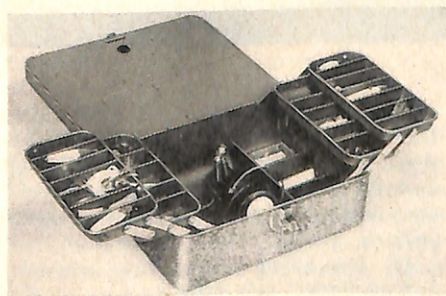
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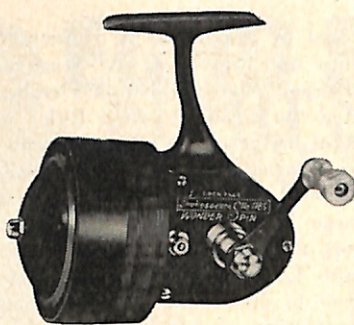
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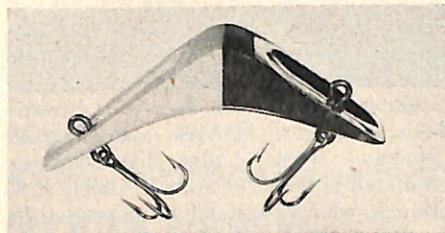
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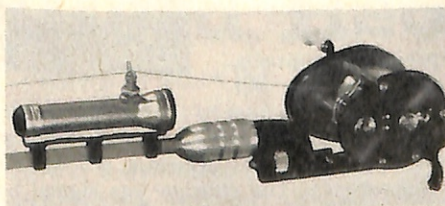
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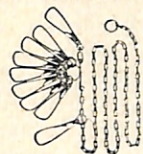
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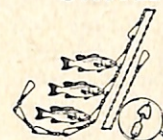


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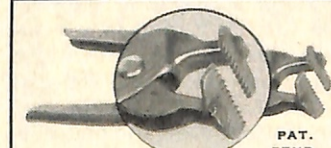


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Visiting the Lodges

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ed. The next morning a business meeting was held, in which it was decided to make an annual affair of the Four-State Jamborie, rotating from city to city. Mr. Walker's three-day visit was given widespread publicity in local newspaper and over radio and television stations. He appeared on KOAM-TV and KSWM-TV, and his banquet speech was broadcast over radio station KFSB.

On January 22nd the Grand Exalted Ruler arrived at Dallas, Texas, where he was met by a group of Elks. In the afternoon, **DALLAS LODGE** gave a shrimp boil in his honor at the lodge, at which time Exalted Ruler Marvin Hinchliffe introduced prominent Elks present, including Past Grand Exalted Ruler William H. Atwell, District Deputy W. P. Howle, State Assn. President E. C. Bunch, Past State Presidents Carl Mann, Devere E. Biser, R. L. Wright, Secretary of Texas Elks State Assn. H. S. Rubenstein, Past District Deputies Floyd B. Ford, D. Holmes Smith and Cecil Honea and Past Exalted Rulers Wm. Tucker, Roland Marquette, Claude Phillips, Henry Williams, Alex McKnight and William Wygant. Judge Atwell introduced Mr. Walker, who gave an inspiring address and paid tribute to Past Exalted Ruler Henry Williams, who has been an active member of Dallas Lodge for over 50 years. While in Dallas, Mr. Walker was made an honorary citizen by Mayor Thornton and an honorary Texan by Governor Allan Shivers. Sheriff William Decker, member of Dallas Lodge, officially made the Grand Exalted Ruler an honorary deputy sheriff.

The following day Mr. Walker flew to **SAN ANTONIO**, and was met at the airport by Exalted Ruler Clarence L. Waters and Secretary Charles E. Smeltz, who escorted him on a tour of the city which included visits to several of the 200-year old missions of which San Antonio is so justly proud. He was then conducted to the County Court House where he was greeted by Sheriff Owen Kilday, for many years a member of San Antonio Lodge, who presented an engraved gold sheriff's badge. After a banquet at the St. Anthony Hotel, a meeting was held at the lodge. On special invitation of the entertainment committee, headed by Mitchell Peters, the following lodge delegations were present at the meeting: Seguin, New Braunfels, Victoria, Abilene, McAllen, Dallas, Houston, Galveston, Beaumont, San Benito and Odessa.

The first visit of a Grand Exalted Ruler to the Rio Grande Valley area of Texas took place on January 24th, when a delegation from **SAN BENITO LODGE**, headed by Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee member Charles C. Bowie, escorted the Grand Exalted Ruler from San Antonio to their city. On the way a stop was made at the famous King Ranch in Kingsville. Late that afternoon the party was met at the city limits of Harlingen and was

greeted by Mayor A. M. Hervey of San Benito and Mayor C. A. Washmon of Harlingen. Sheriff Boynton Fleming presented the Grand Exalted Ruler with a special badge of his office. Also on hand were Exalted Ruler of San Benito Lodge Vernon L. Booth and Exalted Ruler George Russell of Harlingen. A police escort then conducted the party to San Benito Lodge, where refreshments were served to 200 in attendance. Reporters, representing eight Valley newspapers, three radio stations and two TV stations, were gathered at San Benito Lodge; and Mr. Walker made a recorded interview for radio stations KBOR in Brownsville and KRIS in McAllen.

Early that evening Mr. Walker was interviewed on a Special KGBT-TV Program, following which a stag barbecue was held in the lodge, with 400 Elks on hand. At the meeting which followed, twenty-two candidates were initiated by San Benito officers: Six from San Benito, eight from Harlingen, four from Brownsville, two from McAllen and two from Spokane, Wash., Lodge. The class was initiated in honor of State President E. C. Bunch, who was unable to be present because of illness. Brother Bowie then in-

troduced Mr. Walker. On behalf of San Benito lodge, Brother H. B. Livingston presented to Mr. Walker a contribution to the Elks National Foundation amounting to \$1,030.50. This represented the amount members of San Benito Lodge had contributed to the Foundation in a preliminary Funds Drive conducted by the local Foundation Committee during the week preceding Mr. Walker's visit to the lodge.

Following breakfast the next morning, January 25th, the party accompanied Mr. Walker on a tour of the Valley and a trip across the border into Mexico, and included in this trip was a stop at **BROWNSVILLE LODGE**.

In the afternoon the party visited **HARLINGEN LODGE**, where officers and members gathered to meet him, and the party then drove to **McALLEN** to attend the 10th Anniversary Party of the Lodge. Since San Benito Lodge sponsored McAllen Lodge, officials of the Mother Lodge were in charge of the program with Brother Bowie acting as Master of Ceremonies. Prior to Mr. Walker's address, brief addresses were given by E. C. Hill, Secretary of San Benito Lodge, and Senator Rogers Kelley.

BPOE AWARDED BOYS CLUB MEDALLION

The Boys Clubs of America awarded its 50th Anniversary Gold Medallion to the BPO Elks on February 17 as a thank you for the Order's support of the Boys Clubs' program over the years. Grand Exalted Ruler John L. Walker accepted the Medallion at a luncheon at the Hotel Commodore attended by 21 Past Grand Exalted Rulers and national officials of the Boys Clubs of America.

The Medallion was accompanied by a citation expressing "appreciation for the outstanding support and cooperation given to member Clubs of Boys' Clubs of America throughout the nation". The citation was signed by former President Herbert Hoover, Chairman of the Board of Boys' Clubs of America; William E. Hall, Honorary President; A. L. Cole, President; and David W. Armstrong, National Director.

Presentation of the Medallion was made by Ray Duke, 14-year-old member of New York's Madison Square Boys Club, "on behalf of all the boys of America in thanks to all the Elks."



Accepting the award, Grand Exalted Ruler Walker assured Ray that the nation's youth could look to the Elks for an even greater measure of help in guidance in developing themselves into useful citizens.

Mr. Armstrong reviewed the extensive aid that Elks and Elks Lodges give to Boys Clubs, and urged that this support be increased in view of the expanding need resulting from the tremendous increase in the boy population. Mr. Hall presided at the luncheon.

TRAVELGUIDE

We would like to remind those interested in the Hawaiian Elks Post-Convention Tour of the Islands that we have the information folder here in New York and will send a copy to anyone who wants one. The 1956 Tour will leave Chicago at 3:05 p. m. on Friday, July 12th, and return to Los Angeles on July 27th. The time between will be spent in the several islands on a tour which, those who have taken previous tours say, is one of the memorable experiences of their lives.

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Our apology to the San Diego Lodge for an error in the Travelguide in February. We printed the open hours of the Club as 9 p. m. to 12 p. m. It should have been 9 a. m. to 12 p. m. We are sorry and hope no one was inconvenienced.

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In Sydney Australia they now have Floating Hotels. These house boats, called "flatettes", are in Sidney Harbor where you can arrange to rent rooms for about \$11 per week.

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We are receiving more and more reports on Spain as a tourist paradise, and because of the increase in the travel, the American Export Line has inaugurated the first regular, fast luxury liner service between the U. S. and Spain. The "Independence" and the "Constitution" now put into the southern port of Algeciras where a boat train waits on the dock for the overnight express run to Madrid.

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For Elks Who Travel

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those that are tailor made to specific requirements.

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call for the most interesting travel between cities.

The advantage of a FIT, which merely requires you to be in a certain city at a certain time, offers the traveler great freedom at mealtime. Although his particular FIT plan may include breakfast, or so-called demi-pension, one has a chance to explore the restaurants.

Now there is always the question of relative costs. And persons who buy escorted tours sometimes dissect each portion of the trip, run up the costs and find the overall price is more than the sum of its individual parts. It should be. The travel agent or the wholesaler is due a certain percentage for his own know-how, and this cost is hidden within the overall price quoted to you. You can avoid it by doing all the work yourself and run the risk of pitfalls on the way. The travel agent insists that the com-

mission which he receives from hotels and transportation services is not enough for a sufficient margin of profit.

Both railroads and airlines, and certain domestic steamship lines, sell tours too. Most of these excursions have been set up by tour operators and are offered through travel agents. Carriers promote them to promote travel on their own transportation. Some airlines, notably United and National, sell their own tours and these are sometimes slightly less than what can be offered by the tour operator. The land portion is sold at cost as an inducement to use the particular carrier. A tour operator, who naturally disdains this form of competition, was saying the other day, that this could be called cutting the price of an airline ticket. On the other hand, the advantage accrues to the public and John Q could call it a bargain.

Wet Fly Tackle

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fly and leader, which you may do either in shallow water or when the trout are taking nymphs near the surface of deep water, a floating line is ideal. This could be any of the new, hollow-braided, nylon dry-fly lines.

For most wet-fly fishing, where the line should sink, it is mighty hard to beat a good oil-finished, silk one. Some of them still are being made, too, despite the recent trend toward nylon and dacron. Dacron lines sink very fast for deeper fishing and lead-core fly lines go down faster yet for fishing a fly at extreme depths.

As in any other fly fishing, the reel doesn't matter unless there is a possibility of hooking a big fish that can make a fast run. Then you need a single-action reel with a good click that will give line freely. The combination of a big fish, light leader and sticking reel can result in only one thing: another story about the big one that got away.

Leaders for wet-fly fishing could be somewhat heavier than those used with a dry fly except that a stiff tippet deadens the action of the fly. Nylon is not so visible down deep, but the movement of a wet fly or nymph in the water frequently is most important. Two or three feet of light leader next to the fly permit it to weave and swim more naturally in the currents.

For most fishing, I prefer a tapered leader about as long as my rod. This is a convenient length to handle. When the water is extremely low and clear, however, I may lengthen it by tying in extra strands until it is 15 or 20 feet long. I'm sure this helps. It keeps the splash of the line hitting the water farther from the fly as well as decreasing the likelihood of the line's being seen. In a small stream, of course, you simply can't use a leader so long because it is impossible to handle in tight quarters. There the leader might

be three, six or 7½ feet long, depending on the size of the pools.

Generally, I prefer to pin my hopes on a long leader rather than an extremely light one. I'd rather turn fish loose than have them break off. Most of the time, I use limp nylon leaders tapered to 3X, which measures .008 inch. With a little luck, this will hold any trout I'm likely to hook. When the water is discolored and I'm using big flies I'll end my leader in 1X, .010, and only under the most difficult conditions do I tie on a tippet finer than 3X.

For many years, I habitually used one, and sometimes two, dropper flies. (The fly on the end of the leader is called the point fly. Others attached to short snells farther up are called dropper flies.) Occasionally you can catch trout on a dropper when you can't do it otherwise.

MORE than 20 years ago, I loved a girl whose father loved to fish. One day he took her, her mother and me to a stream that contained a lot of good—and frequently difficult—rainbows. The women would watch and fix a picnic lunch while the men fished.

I had just bought the first hair flies with woven bodies that I ever saw and I attached one of them—I think it was a Sandy Mite—to the dropper with a Coachman on the point. I never had it so good. The trout simply couldn't leave that hair fly alone and, furthermore, so long as it was on the dropper they would hit the point fly, too.

At one spot, the river swung in against the road. My sweetie and her mother sat down on the road bank to watch while I waded across the riffle above and started to fish the pool. Two or three fair trout made the fatal mistake while I was working the foot of the riffle. I kept moving downstream, casting across, letting the flies swing around and then retrieving them through the slower water toward my side.

Just where the fast water finally lost its

force in the pool, and directly across the stream from my girl and her mother, I got a strike and an instant later not one, but two, beautiful rainbows shot out of the water. Never did an angler have a better audience and never did two trout put on a better show. Sometimes one and sometimes the other was out of the water and at least three times they both were in the air at once.

By some miracle, the leader held and neither fly tore out, and I eventually beached a pair of rainbows that were 14 and 16 inches long. I fished the remainder of the pool without another strike and waded across the next riffle to the road. Meanwhile, my host had not caught a single trout. My sweetheart met me as I was walking up the road and said, "Right now, you'd make the poorest son-in-law in the world."

I thought that over and gave him the hair fly. He put it on the dropper and immediately began to catch fish. I didn't have another of that pattern and nothing else worked. When we finally quit, I had the most trout because of my early lead, but he had the biggest, a beautiful three-pounder, and everybody was happy.

Experiences such as this occur so rarely that I seldom use a dropper fly anymore. It is a constant source of trouble. If you hook two good fish you usually lose one, and sometimes both, and in a stream with moss, weeds or brush the dropper is likely to snag and cause the loss of the day's best trout. Consequently, I feel that I do better by using only one wet fly and concentrating on fishing it properly. You can give a dropper an entirely different action, however.

I'm not very fussy about pattern. Most of my good wet flies and nymphs are drab, dull, ragged-looking things in various shades of gray and brown. I have only a few highly visible flies such as Royal Coachman and Professor, and a few black ones. I believe that size is often most important, however, and I always carry flies ranging all the way from 18's

to twos. I've caught many good trout on both extremes.

The universal method of fishing a wet fly is to cast straight across the current, or a little downstream, and let the fly swing around on a tight line. When it's directly downstream, you pick it up and cast again, meanwhile taking a step. Sometimes you give the fly a little extra movement by jiggling your rod tip or pulling the line.

This is a good system. When conditions are right it will catch all kinds of trout, steelheads, salmon and the shrubbery on the bank. When they're wrong, it won't catch anything but the shrubbery. As soon as I get enough of that, I try something different.

Strange as it may seem, many aquatic insects are unable to swim during their nymphal life in the water. If they happen to become dislodged from the rock to which they were clinging they can only tumble along downstream until they succeed in attaching themselves to another or a trout gobbles them up. To imitate them, a wet fly should also tumble along without any movement from rod or line.

To accomplish this, cast upstream or up and across and let your fly drift back down with the current. Gather line as it comes toward you and pay out line after it has gone past. It's similar to dry-fly fishing except that fly, leader and possibly part of the line are beneath the surface.

WATCH the spot where the line disappears. Lift the rod tip quickly—but not hard—whenever the line stops, jerks or moves out. You might hook a fish. You might hook a bit of moss or a submerged twig, too, but you can always turn them loose and you'll miss fish if you don't strike at every clue.

In the slower water of placid streams or the quiet pools of rapid streams, it usually is best to work the fly all the time. There are several ways to do it.

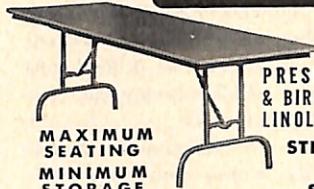
First, of course, you make your cast and let the fly sink. Then you retrieve it, either with short jerks, alternate pulls and pauses or by the method that frequently is called shuttling. In this you gather the line in little coils in your left hand, turning it first one way and then the other to pick up another three or four inches of line. This causes the fly to move through the water slowly and irregularly. It often is most effective. The rate of retrieve can be varied to suit the whimsy of the trout. Sometimes a fast retrieve is best, sometimes a normal one and sometimes one that is very slow.

Generally, it pays to fish either close to the surface or close to the bottom. Most trout food is found in these two zones. When aquatic insects, such as May flies, are rising to the surface to hatch out into their adult form, the trout frequently feed in the top three or four inches of water.

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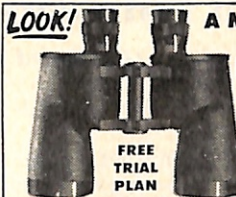
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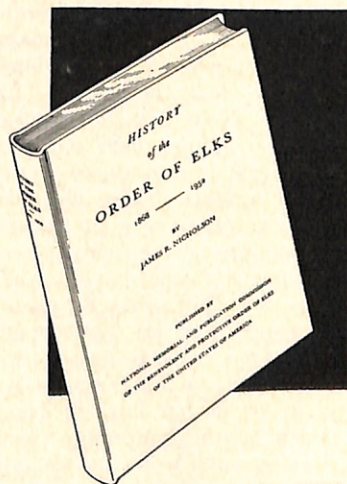
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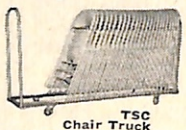


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you are careful you're likely to mistake this "bulging" for rises to floating insects. Whenever trout appear to be rising but you can't catch them on a dry fly, try fishing a conventional wet fly or nymph barely beneath the surface. Often, a natural drift is better. At other times you'll hook more fish by giving the line a short pull occasionally.

It always pays to experiment. Sometimes one thing works and sometimes another—and sometimes nothing does. This, of course, is the way it should be. If we could always catch all the trout we

wanted, every time we went fishing, the sport would lose the uncertainty that makes it so fascinating. The skillful use of wet flies will reduce the number of blank days, but it won't eliminate them completely.

I like to catch fish and I'll always do it if I can, but there is one mighty nice thing about fishing—any kind of fishing. No matter if you lose, you win. Your creel may be empty when evening comes, but a day spent on a peaceful stream amid lovely surroundings is, in itself, more than adequate reward.

Giant Rainbows of Lake Maule

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two-pounder, not the kind of trout fishing we were looking for.

More interesting than the trout on the Tolten was the method of fishing and the surroundings: the lush, cascading foliage covering the steep banks, the screaming parrots overhead, the odd flowers and the strange trees—all strictly out of character with trout fishing.

The Tolten is a float-trip proposition, and their method of fishing works something like this; the boatman, rowing in conventional manner, keeps the bow of the skiff headed against the current while his fisherman sits in the stern facing downstream, generally with two rods each dangling a lure downcurrent: that is, the lures preceding the boat down the river, the boatman rowing continually to keep the lines taut but drifting slowly downstream stern-first. In effect, it amounts to trolling; and, as in trolling, it is the boatman who really does the fishing. He drops the lures down into this pocket and that pocket, pulls them out and eases them along the lip of a pool or into a hole behind a rock. These men are masters at their trade. It is an experience to see them operate, not only fishing the lures by means of boat handling but manipulating the skiff through rapids and boiling water. One day was enough, though. Corey and I like to do our own fishing and casting; so we arranged for a plane to fly us deeper into the lakes country to the south—"up south," that is, because going south below the equator is like going up north here.

That evening we met a young Chilean cowpuncher, dressed in the typical *huaso* outfit of a short jacket, tight black pants, flat-brimmed black hat and a colorful red manta over the shoulders. Although a Chilean of several generations, his name was Charlie Budd, and his family had preserved its English heritage by keeping the language alive. He lived alone on a cattle ranch twelve miles each way by horse from the nearest road. His cattle were a success, he said, but he couldn't raise sheep because the pumas ate the profit.

In the course of our conversation he described a stream nearby where the big trout lived. "The fishing it is difficult,"

he explained. "The stream is small with many snags, but the trout are very large. It must be fished by foot, of course. The farmers spear an occasional one for food," he went on, "but otherwise it is not fished. Yes, the very large trout live there."

We never did see Charlie Budd's stream, and all those very big trout are going to waste. In flying along the edge of the Andes the next day, we passed over clear stream after clear stream flowing from the mountains down each valley to the coastal plain. Many of them had no roads, trails or signs of habitation along them, and most were far too swift to be floated. Like Charlie Budd's stream, they are unfished. It hurts to think about the trout that live in them.

Spectacular rainbow-trout fishing and majestic scenery go hand in hand. The lakes country of Chile is no exception. Nowhere could there be more exciting scenery. The crest of the Andes dividing Chile from the Argentine in places is forbiddingly jagged, as sharp as the edge of broken glass and too steep even for snow to cling to. Combined with this rugged ridge of upheaved rock are conical volcanoes, some of them lifting their heads directly out of the crest of the range, others set off by themselves, solitary and lonely, like the ancient bulls of the herd driven off to grumble away their last days of solitude. Each dominates its immediate countryside, as though in a moment of rage, and each has its colorful name: The Pointed One, Big Beheaded, The Thunderer, Bell Tower. A small one we saw that morning belching forth clouds of dirty-brown smoke was called *Quisapu*, which in the countryman's language means "Who knows?" A traveler seeing the eruption asked a native the name of the volcano, and he returned to the city with the man's answer: *Quisapu*, "Who Knows?"

Through each valley between the peaks and around the volcanoes a clear river roars, tumbles and glides seaward. Most have their origin in the perpetual snow of the peaks and are constantly enlarged by springs—mountain water that has seeped into the loose volcanic earth and emerged thousands of feet below as a

"FREEDOM'S FACTS"—"Peaceful" Attack



For several months in the interest of providing to our readers sound information about the communist conspiracy, *The Elks Magazine* has been publishing excerpts from "Freedom's

Facts," which is a monthly bulletin issued by the All-American Conference to Combat Communism on a subscription basis of \$3.00 a year. The BPOE is one of 50 organizations that comprise the membership in the Conference. The excerpt which follows is particularly timely and provocative in view of the current trade situation.

Cries of "colonialism" are being raised against the United States by Communists around the world as part of the Reds' stepped up "peaceful" attack against the free world.

The immediate aim of the campaign is to arouse people in underdeveloped countries against U.S. overseas investments. Red propagandists and agitators are claiming that the U.S. is spreading colonialism via foreign investments and foreign aid.

The Soviet political commentator, Yuri Bochkarev, on Radio Moscow on January 11 first condemned colonialism, then declared: "The penetration of American capital into underdeveloped countries constitutes an important means for enslaving these countries by the United States . . . Pakistan and Iran, for instance, have fallen into this trap. Having succumbed to the temptation by American dollars, both these countries became participants in the Baghdad Pact, which was set up by Western states as a tool in their colonial policy."

Bochkarev continued, "The U.S. method of economic enslavement of underdeveloped countries is borne out by the fact that at present the sum total of American capital investment abroad exceeds so far the sum of capital investment of all other colonial powers put together. American capital is trying to worm its way into those countries which are ridding themselves of either British or French dependence."

Within underdeveloped countries the Reds are stepping up agitation to blame U.S. investments for all economic or

social problems. On January 13 Radio Moscow charged that in Chile "U.S. monopolies are striving by all means to increase the economic backwardness of the country and the one-sided development of its economy."

The Reds themselves are increasing their aid offers to underdeveloped countries. On January 17 Chilean officials reported that Red China is interested in buying nitrate in a triangular deal with Japan. Under this arrangement Chile would ship nitrate to Red China, Japan would pay Chile by shipping machinery, and Red China would ship some undisclosed products to Japan.

The Soviet Union has offered Red aid to India and other Southeast Asian countries. In a recent move Red Czechoslovakia has held out the prospect of large scale economic and technical aid to Pakistan in an effort to induce her to quit the Baghdad Pact and switch her policy from pro-Western to pro-Soviet. And with Red aid goes a package of well worked out Red propaganda.

Behind this drive is the increased emphasis Khrushchev's "peaceful competition" policy is putting behind the long-time Communist effort to drive first American capital and then American influence out of the less developed countries of the world. The Communists will then be free to move in for the kill.

According to the world strategy laid down by Lenin, the Communist overall goal is to first win over the masses of peoples in Asia, weaken Europe by cutting European countries off from their sources of raw materials and from their overseas markets, and finally isolate and defeat the United States.

In the effort to carry out this strategy, the Soviet Union is offering attractive trade deals, often at great sacrifice, with the hope of winning political influence among nations not strongly committed to the Western bloc. The Soviet offer of a steel mill to India, a huge dam to Egypt, and machinery and railroad equipment to Pakistan, as well as Red China's exports of badly needed food, fit into this pattern. This is not peaceful competition in world markets, but rather economic warfare as one step toward world conquest. It must be judged in these terms, if we are to meet the attack properly. American businessmen must learn to think in political as well as economic terms, if they are to do their part in this war.

gushing spring, cool and pure. Occasionally where a slide or lava flow has damned such a river valley, there will be a long, winding lake, a pause in the river's hectic flow to the sea.

It was at such a lake that we stopped that night. There Corey and I com-

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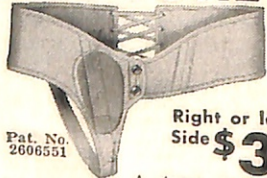
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After an uneasy half-hour, the subject turned to fishing and we relaxed. Among other things our host told us that a lady had caught a twelve-kilo trout in the lake a short time before, and that a fisherman on the river a few miles below the lake the previous season had taken a rainbow that weighed fourteen kilos. It wasn't until a couple of days later when I discovered what a kilo was that I realized exactly what we had been told. A kilogram is the equivalent of two and one-fifth pounds! In other words, the river rainbow so casually mentioned weighed more than thirty pounds! We didn't take any large trout by those standards, only five- and six-pounders, but that knowledge of the huge trout living there gave birth to a hope that made it the most fascinating trout river I ever dropped a fly on.

THIS river we fished was big and fast. Here and there it converged into a roaring cataract or plunged over a sharp falls in a mass of foam and white water. Between were intervals of deep-green pools, swirling eddies and long, slick runs. One-half of the river had never been fished. One side only, near which was a road, was available. The river could not be floated or crossed, and it was too wide to cast beyond midstream. The capacity of a fisherman's fancy concerning the unfished holes on the far side of such a river is a miraculous thing. But there were enough trout within reach of the near bank, colorful rainbows and, much to my surprise, sea-run brown trout.

Into this river from the available side flowed a short, spring-fed tributary of normal trout-stream proportions, comfortably fishable throughout. It was a flawlessly-clear, leisurely flow of water made up of a series of long, flat pools bordered by grassy banks. This piece of water, which we called Cold Stream, was a revelation. I had been told by men who had fished in Chile—and who should have known better—that there was no dry-fly fishing whatsoever in that part of the world. Being skeptics—which, by the way, is a prime requisite for a successful fisherman—Corey and I had brought along our dry-fly equipment. Cold Stream was the pay-off. No one ever had more delightful dry-fly fishing, and for such a variety of trout, large and small. How I would like to have that stream in my back yard!

During this otherwise perfect week it rained, not hard but persistently one day on another, until the lush vegetation along the stream banks became saturated

and leaked with a continuous dripping, and misty clouds rose like steam along the steep mountainsides. Then it began to rain in earnest. The rain came down in a continuous and massive flow. The abrupt mountains bordering the river, already soaked, spouted ribbons of white cascades in each ravine, and the entire next day it was impossible to leave the lodge. By the end of the second day of unrelenting storm, the lake itself at the outlet had raised seven feet and the river was unfishable. It was March, autumn in South America, and the fall rains had come with a fury. The fishing season in the southern lakes country was over. We returned to Santiago, the capital city of Chile, on our way home without having caught the big one.

That's where we met a couple of fellows who wanted to show us Lake Maule. They could go only on a weekend, and it was a long, difficult drive into the mountains, but we would get in one day's fishing. We went, of course, and I'll never forget it. Lake Maule is the best rainbow-trout lake I ever fished. What's more, it is likely the best I ever will fish.

One of the fellows suggested that I bring along my shotgun. It was such a slow trip that we would have to siwash it—sleep on the ground—the first night and continue to the lake in the morning. The gun, he explained, would insure a restful night. It seems that some of the travelers using the mountain road leading toward the Argentine have a slightly unsavory reputation, something which would be easy to believe if their characters fit their costume. In the cold, high country the Chilean *huaso* wears a large blanket-like manta with a hole in the center for the head, in the manner of a poncho. These work mantas are black or dingy brown and they cover a figure on horseback like a shroud. With this and the black, flat-brimmed hat with chin strap, plus the usual sideburns and mustache, every *huaso* we saw along the trail looked like a Hollywood villain, but none offered more than a cheery "*Buenos dias*" as we passed. The shotgun had a much more practical use later, though.

Our first look at Lake Maule in the morning was over an abrupt rise in the ground. Directly below us was a long, narrow cove surrounded by pink flamingoes. As we approached, they rose majestically into the air. Although they appear entirely one pastel shade when standing, their extended wings showed a jet-black, rectangular bar which stood out strikingly against the rose-pink of the rest of their bodies. Ducks and geese, unlike any I had ever seen before, left the water and flew down the lake shore.

When we reached the shore, I didn't believe my eyes. There were the floating rocks. I picked one up and realized that it was pumice, which, of course, is a gray volcanic rock—or sort of a glass—which is blown so full of tiny bubbles that it is extremely light. The one I held in my

hand was about the size of a basketball and not much heavier. Corey was looking across the lake and hadn't noticed the pumice. I said, "Here, catch this," and heaved it to him as though it were heavy. He knocked it ten feet in the air trying to catch it. We scratched our heads and laughed. What a strange place to be looking for trout—floating rocks and flamingoes!

Corey and our two friends from Santiago put out in a rickety skiff while I walked the shoreline. There is no telling how many big rainbows they hooked and released that day. More than once all three were tied to big fish at the same time, then the confusion was something to see. They kept only those which had taken the lure too deep; yet they had more big rainbow trout in that skiff than I have ever seen together at one time.

I do know exactly what I landed because I noted it down, and this is an indication of the quantity and size of the rainbows in Lake Maule. Most of the day I spent with a camera in my hand hoping to get some action color photographs. It wasn't until noon that I picked up a rod. When they came ashore for lunch, I took my fly rod and ran back to a point along shore where I had seen a big one lolling in the shallows. When the others had cast to him with spoons and spinning gadgets an hour earlier, he had shown some interest, but soon became annoyed and disappeared into deep water. I decided a fly was what he wanted.

The trout wasn't in evidence when I arrived, and the first cast proved nothing. Neither did the second. I was working the fly too fast in my eagerness. The third cast I slowed it down, retrieving in short, sharp jerks, and that did it. When it was all over, he weighed nine and one-half pounds, as exciting a trout as I ever took.

That evening I fished some more. In all that day I made approximately thirty casts in Lake Maule, and those thirty casts resulted in six rainbows that would have totaled about fifty pounds!

In the meantime I took time out to go goose hunting. I had seen some feeding in a cove which had a fairly narrow neck where it entered the lake. Being autumn, both the fishing season and the shooting season were open; so I had been making plans that afternoon as I carried the camera. It occurred to me that if a fellow made his approach just right, they

would have to pass within range as they headed for the open lake. They appeared to be colorful geese, quite different from any we have in North America. The gander was mostly white in the air with some brown and some black, and the goose was a rich brown. My luck was running high and I brought down a fat gander. I tried to make a double and get a goose as well, but I missed.

In reading about this goose, the *avotarda*, after I returned home, the ornithologists say that it has no relation to any of our North American geese; however, I know that it has the same general outline, size, flight and habits. It may have sprung from another origin, but it fills the same general niche in Nature's scheme.

Among the ducks on the lake, there was one which was obviously a teal although colored like no North American teal. Another had the same general outline as our pintail, although its coloration was different and it was a stupid duck, quite unlike our pintail. Also there were mudhens, or coots, unmistakable in their clownish actions, but with considerable white on their bodies.

In other places in Chile I noticed the same thing with land birds. At a glance—by its habits, size, flight and shape—it was natural to call one by name, but each on closer scrutiny was different. The robin, for instance, had a yellow breast, the meadow lark a red breast, the kingfisher not just a reddish bib but an entirely red breast. It was as though someone who didn't know birds had picked up a kid's coloring book and mixed things up completely.

But the trout are the same. They may be a long, long way from their native waters in the Northwest, both in miles and in atmosphere, but they are rainbows through and through. There seemed to be no limit of them that day, and they averaged six to seven pounds apiece. A fisherman is always hopeful, but I doubt that Corey or I will ever see anything again to compare with Lake Maule.

Yet the fellows who took us there were openly disappointed. "I must apologize," one of them said as we left the lake. "I had hoped we would catch a good one, something better than twenty pounds. Certainly we should have taken some fifteen-pounders."

Some people—fishermen, anyway—are never satisfied.

Fight Over Fish

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to 161,000. They are outnumbered, more than 100 to one, by licensed sport fishermen. The commercial fishing fleet has reached new highs, with a 107 per cent increase in vessels in the same decade. Although the total commercial catch was up only 20 per cent, the market value of fish climbed 247 per cent, along with

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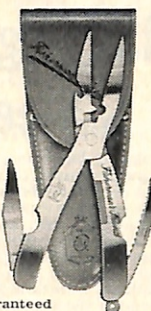
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Suppose the annual cost per fisherman of \$50, suggested by their national Sport Fishing Institute, is accepted. This highly hypothetical figure is regarded as an extreme minimum, according to some fishermen. As recreation, sport fishing at \$50 a head, times the number of licensed anglers, gives a round \$930,000,000! Since this doesn't include the large salt water sport fishing, the truth is that no one knows the business value of sport fishing. But it apparently runs over a billion dollars. The business value generated by sportsmen's equipment, transportation, cabins, boat rental, clothing and other expenses far exceeds the food value of the commercial catch.

Money is talking, in this controversy.

Most Americans never will taste fresh salmon or striped bass or any other variety which is made exclusively a sport fish, commercial fishermen point out. "Eliminate the commercial fisherman and this fresh fish would grace as few dinner tables as wild ducks, pheasant, quail, grouse and venison do today," a commercial fisherman told me. "When you close a species or an area to commercial fishing, you are giving part of your inheritance to a relatively small segment of the population."

As involved as this who's who in the fight over fish, is the question of what's what. No one has come up with a simple definition of sport fish, of commercial fish and of "rough" fish which is undesired for human food but good for fertilizer or fox food.

"Bullheads are an important sport fish in Iowa, perch in the Great Lakes waters, and carp in the rivers of Europe," according to John B. Moyle, research supervisor in the fisheries research unit of the state of Minnesota. "These three kinds of fish, in Minnesota, as well as some others, are regarded as 'rough' fish and can be harvested by nets because some anglers don't want them."

Neither sport nor commercial fishing groups can call each other a hog or a law-breaker without inviting return insults, based on facts. Therefore, the temperate men on both sides are looking for facts which will help both to the enjoyment of our water resources.

They are uniting to obtain improvement where hazards to fishing exist from dams without fish ladders. They resist dams too high for fish ladders. They are attacking together the perils of pollution from industrial and large-city wastes. Secretary of the Interior McKay promised in a speech in Washington, D.C., "The Department of the Interior will

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The enlightened among sport and commercial fishermen are turning to fish biologists for help in solving their conflict. Biologists compare the facts of life in a fishing lake to the more familiar facts on farm land. Just as a given pasture can feed only so many cows, so a given lake can feed only so many fish. Both weeding of undesirable plants, and thinning of food plants must be practiced by farmers. In fishery, unless enough fishing removes an effective percentage of table fish (thinning) they will not reach desired size. Also, crowding from "trash" fish will lessen food and decrease numbers of sport fish, unless these trash fish are removed by someone (weeding).

"Better fishing for all game species has followed heavy mortality of fish in a number of cases, whether the mortality was caused by the direct efforts of men or by uncontrollable factors, such as weather," the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission reported in 1952.

Severe storms in Lake Apopka, in 1950, and an unknown amount of illegal seining in 1951, resulted in excellent fishing during 1951 and 1952.

Biologists deplore the waste of waiting for accidents of nature. In Florida, experiments in controlled seining are under way for the purpose of improving Florida sport fishing: "Restocking, size and bag limits, closed seasons and the elimination of commercial fishing failed to accomplish this objective."

Fish biologists try to solve any conflict by gathering facts. An earthquake in Tennessee in 1811 created Reelfoot Lake, which became known as a fisherman's paradise. In recent years, the profane holler from this paradise became so noisy that commercial fishing was restricted in various ways.

"If you aren't catching fish, let us examine your creel and present the facts," the fish biologists said. A census on creel catches was started on March 1, 1952. The holler had some basis of facts, for twenty-three per cent of the creels checked were empty. But—a large but, indeed—six per cent had "over limit" creels. Fishing was plenty good for some.

An empty creel doesn't prove a lack of fish. The Game and Fish Commission said, "While the numbers of fishermen increased almost one hundred fold from 1937 to 1952, the average catch per fisherman remains almost identical."

The striped bass is today's center of one of the hottest, most widespread controversies. Many, but not all, sports fishermen want striped bass exclusively for themselves. They cut across party lines to obtain the support of Representative Charles A. Wolverton (Republican) of Camden, New Jersey, and James J. Delaney (Democrat) of Long Island City, New York. These Congressmen introduced almost identical bills, in 1953. These bills provided for fines or imprisonment, or both, for any fisherman who takes striped bass by any contrivance except hook and line. Because of official and unofficial opposition, the bills died in committee at the end of 1954. As of this writing, the bills have not been reintroduced.

What do leaders on each side say?

A THOUGHTFUL sport fisherman, the late Dr. R. W. Eschmeyer, executive vice-president of the Sport Fishing Institute, with national offices in Washington, D.C., hoped both groups would learn to get along together. But if sides must be chosen, he chose the sports side. "There is reason to believe the Chesapeake Bay can support a *limited*, and controlled commercial fishery," he told us, "and also have good sport fishing. However, if one group must have priority, that group should be the many thousands of sport fishermen who pay far more than the market value of the fish for the privilege of catching them."

On the contrary, commercial fishermen engaged in striped bass fishing naturally oppose each threat to their livelihood. "I believe the fish belong to all the people, and should be so managed as far as possible for equal distribution to all," Mr. Charles E. Jackson, the well-informed general manager of the National Fisheries Institute, told us. "The striped bass fishery, if properly managed, can be a perpetual resource of both food and recreation. I believe a bill giving striped bass exclusively to the sport fishermen would be declared unconstitutional, should it become law."

What do the fish biologists say?

A Yale University researcher, Dr. Daniel Merriman, drew from fifteen years' work on striped bass and other marine species for a speech to the Long Beach Island Fishing Club. He explained that striped bass produce amazing numbers of eggs, from 50,000 to several million per individual. Usually the egg survival rate is low. When a good year for survival comes along, due to a fortunate combination of "temperature, salinity of the water, wind, turbulence, drift, and turbidity" so many fish may be produced in one year that a "dominant year-class" results. For several years,

most of the catch may be of fish born in this happy year.

"An awkward problem is posed by the fact that dominant year-classes have a nasty habit of turning up when the adult stock is at its lowest level," Dr. Merriman related. "This has occurred in striped bass, herring, and other forms. Therefore more adults do not necessarily mean more young."

He concluded, "All the evidence we have indicates that the stock of stripers is sufficient for both commercial and sporting interests, if properly managed. The effort of the sportsmen to eliminate commercial fishing for striped bass is in no way justified from a conservation point of view. Apart from being unjustified, it leads to a degree of antagonism between commercial and sporting interests which is far-reaching in its unfortunate effects."

He was not advocating unlimited commercial fishing. He said, "It can, perhaps, be demonstrated that in certain areas it is *sociologically* and *economically* desirable to make the striped bass a game fish." The soundness of his views led the "New York State Conservationist" to reprint his speech, with one from Dr. James R. Westman of Rutgers Univ.

"A wildlife resource can be wasted by over-protection as well as by over-exploitation," Dr. Westman said. "Facts show that hook-and-line fishing throughout the states of the middle Atlantic bight is inadequate for anything like the quantity of stripers that can be safely taken each year." In spite of some eight million pounds per year of net harvesting, the striped bass harvest has increased, irregularly, since 1933.

The acute strife may rage over striped bass along the East Coast or salmon on the West Coast, or almost any inland fish anywhere. But everywhere, a basic need is for more information—biological, economic and sociological. Where the catch of both kinds of fishermen is but a mite in the ocean, compared to the mysterious forces of nature, name-calling is a breath lost in the booming surf.

The government's Fish and Wildlife Service won't take sides. "The fishery resources belong to all the people," says Mr. Paul E. Thompson, assistant chief of the Branch of Fishery Biology. "The facts do not justify exclusion of one kind of fishing for the benefit of another kind for most marine fishes."

The goal of Fish and Wildlife is to provide protection to both sides by adequate technical information, coordinated jurisdiction over migratory fishes, and sensible management policy. "Support your sportsmen's and commercial associations," says Mr. Thompson. "Cooperate with Federal and State fact-finders. Distribute conservation costs more fairly between fresh-water and salt-water anglers and between anglers and commercial fishermen." These are calls to action, to speed a reasonable compromise in the fight over fish.

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Pointers on choosing and using wood screws.

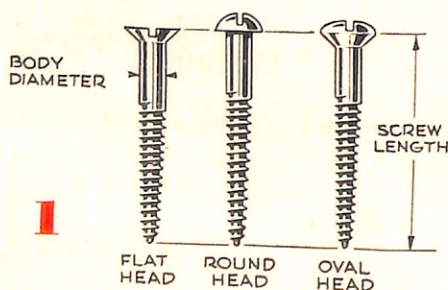
BY HARRY WALTON

SIZE for size, wood screws have far greater holding power than nails. They make strong joints even where the fastening area is small, look neat, and can be removed if necessary without harm to the material they hold.

Wood screws are sized by their length and body or shank diameter. A box marked 1 1/4-8, for example, contains screws 1 1/4" long, with No. 8 bodies. Body diameter is measured on the unthreaded part just below the head (Figure 1). Length is taken from the top of the head of a flat-head screw, from under the head on a round-head screw, and from the rim of an oval-head screw.

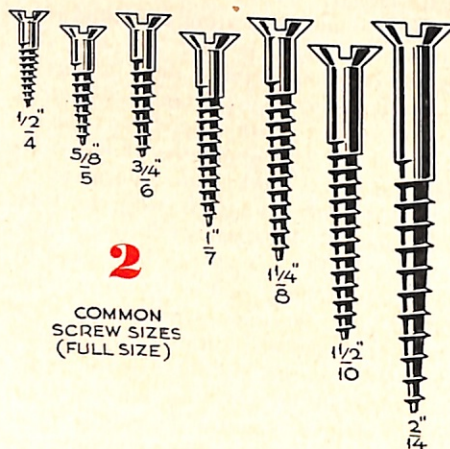
Figure 2 shows in full size a few common screws. The body size of unknown screws can be determined by comparison with the drawings, although the lengths shown are only meant to be typical. Most body sizes come in several lengths.

MAKES A DIFFERENCE. For maximum effectiveness, a wood screw re-



quires two holes of different sizes. The body or clearance hole should be a free fit for the unthreaded part of the shank. The pilot hole must be sufficiently smaller than the threads to give them a good "bite", while large enough to let them get started and pull in (Figure 3).

In softwood, the pilot hole need be only half the length of the threads on the screw. In hardwood, it may have to be almost the full length. Since wood varies a great deal in hardness, you can best judge what size and depth of pilot hole is right by actual trial. If you have many



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COMMON
SCREW SIZES
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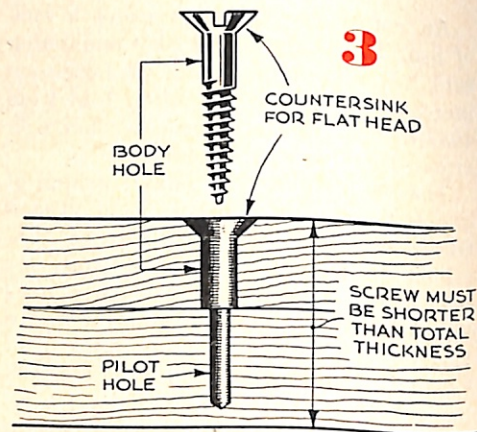
screws of the same size to drive, it will pay to stick a bit of tape on the drill at the point to which it should be sunk, thus insuring uniform holes.

Unless body and pilot holes are perfectly in line, the two pieces of wood will shift position as you drive the screw. One way to drill them in line is first to run the pilot drill through both pieces while they are clamped or firmly held in position. Then, if you like, the first or outer piece can be removed for drilling the body hole through it; the drill will be guided by the smaller hole already in the piece, as shown in Figure 4.

For a flat-head or oval-head screw, the first piece must be countersunk—drilled with a bit called a countersink, to form a conical recess for the screw head. The same countersink bit will do this job for small or large-bodied screws; you simply turn it in farther. Ordinarily the hole is countersunk to the size of the screw head.

If the screw is to be hidden, however, the hole is counterbored instead—drilled to a larger diameter some little way down, and countersunk below that. The hole above the screw head can then be filled or plugged (Figure 4).

The modern way to make the body hole, pilot hole, countersink and even the counterbore is with a special one-shot drill. It does the whole job as rapidly as you can turn it into the wood (with an electric drill, in two or three seconds



per screw). Figure 5 shows two popular kinds. The adjustable stop can be set either to countersink, or to counterbore.

Small screws up to 1/2" long can often be driven into holes made with a punch or awl, if the wood is soft. This dodge is convenient for attaching hinges, brackets and similar things that already have the body hole in them.

USE THE RIGHT TOOL. Screwdrivers may seem much alike, but an overly large one will damage the wood surrounding the screw, and may tend to jump out of the screw slot. Too small a screwdriver can damage the slot. A screwdriver tip that is rounded, tapered or damaged will tend to lift out of the slot as you turn it.

A ratchet screwdriver speeds driving screws because you need not shift your grip for every twist; the ratchet mechanism lets you turn the handle back without turning the blade. What is called a spiral-ratchet screwdriver goes a step farther; a telescoping stem translates a straight push into the rotary motion that turns the blade. Both these tools can be set to

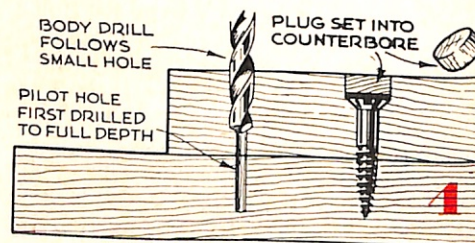


CHART OF HOLE SIZES FOR WOODSCREWS

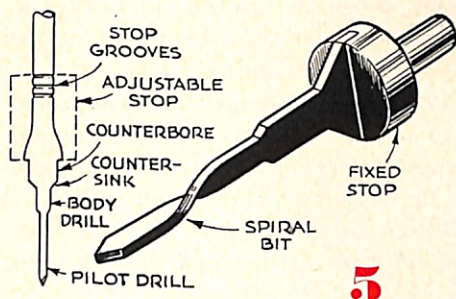
Knowing what size screw you are using, you can pick drills for making the body and pilot holes from this chart. If your drill set does not include 1/64" steps, use the next size larger.

SCREW NO.	BODY	PILOT HOLE	
		Softwood	Hardwood
4	1/8"	1/16"	5/64"
5	1/8"	5/64"	3/32"
6	9/64"	5/64"	3/32"
7	5/32"	3/32"	7/64"
8	11/64"	3/32"	7/64"
10	3/16"	7/64"	1/8"
12	7/32"	1/8"	5/32"

work clockwise for driving screws, or counterclockwise for removing them. Some have interchangeable tips of different sizes.

For driving big screws, such as the 3"-14's you might use to fasten down a workbench top, an inexpensive bit made to fit into a carpenter's brace is good. The leverage afforded by the brace handle makes the task easy.

In confined places where an ordinary screwdriver cannot be used, you may need the offset type (Figure 6). You can get this kind for both ordinary slotted screws or the now common recessed-head screws. Although rather awkward to use, an offset screwdriver is sometimes the



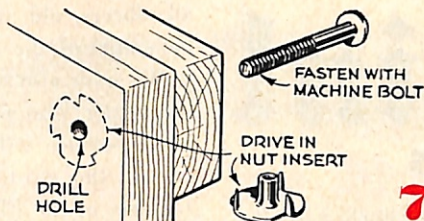
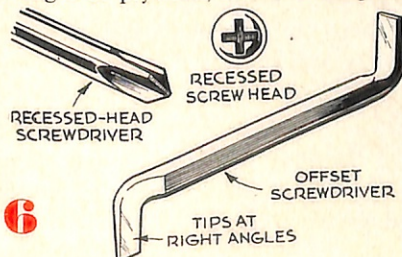
only one that will work in a tight spot.

Recessed-head screws (Figure 6) can sometimes be removed or driven with an ordinary screwdriver small enough to fit into the recess. But a tip that size will be too weak to take out a stubborn screw or to drive such a screw to the full extent of its holding power. The proper four-edged tip for the purpose (Figure 6) centers itself, does not readily slip, and makes it possible to use these excellent screws to best advantage. These special bits can be bought in any hardware store and are not expensive.

WHY THEY DON'T HOLD. When screws pull out, it may be because they were too small for the job, or the pilot holes may have been drilled too large, or the wood may have rotted away. Screws that fail usually leave an enlarged hole, so the same size cannot be substituted. Use a larger one if possible, or else first fill the hole with plastic composition wood or other filler, bits of wood, or a fiber screw anchor.

Another repair, useful only where the back of the second piece is accessible, is made by drilling a hole through it to take the center stud of a steel nut insert. The prongs of this are driven into the surrounding wood as shown in Figure 7. A machine bolt that fits the threads inside the stud is then screwed in through the first piece, replacing the wood screw.

The end grain of ordinary wood, and the edges of plywood, afford a compara-



tively poor grip for wood screws. Two ways to give them better anchorage in such locations are shown in Figure 8. The first is to screw a solid-wood cleat to the face of the piece. Wood screws through the second member are then driven into the cleat instead of the end grain.

The second method, shown applied to plywood, consists of boring a fairly good-sized hole through the stock, and gluing in a well-fitting plug of solid wood. The wood screw holding on the second member is located to thread into the plug.

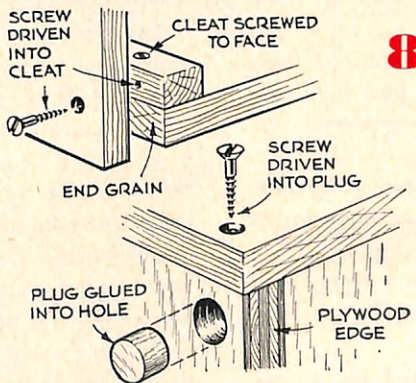
Screws often fail because of rust. Where they will be exposed to moisture, use brass, aluminum, or plated ones.

SCREW-DRIVING POINTERS.

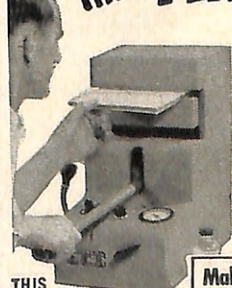
Any wood screw is easier to drive if it is lubricated. Your driving hand will know the difference if you dip screws into petroleum jelly, paste wax, or shoe polish, or rub it across a bar of wet soap.

In hardwood, use a slightly larger pilot drill than in softwood. Be sure to lubricate the screw. If it begins to turn very hard, take it out and drill the pilot hole larger or deeper as necessary.

To start a screw where you can't hold it with the fingers, fold a bit of paper over the screwdriver tip. If the tip is the right size, this should hold the screw on it well enough to get it started.



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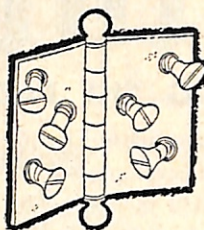
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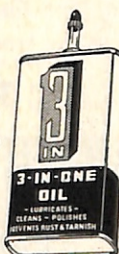
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Editorial

FACING THE FACTS



President Eisenhower has set a splendid example to all the people of the world in letting the facts of his health be known.

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Too often, it seems to us, the patient is kept from knowing his or her own physical condition. Perhaps there may be occasional cases where conditions of temperament may suggest keeping the true story from the patient but we do believe that such cases are rare.

We appear to be preparing ourselves, to some extent, to face the facts. We are no longer afraid to recognize a heart attack for what it is or to use the formerly dread word of "cancer," once tabooed.

It must be better for a patient to see things as they are than for his or her friends to be constantly on guard to hide the truth.

THE NEW LODGE YEAR



Before the month of April has passed each of the 1,750 subordinate lodges of the Order will have installed the officers who are to have the responsibility of directing its affairs for the subordinate lodge year of April 1956 to March 1957.

The Elks Magazine offers its congratulations to those who have borne these burdens during the past year and thus contributed to the up-building of their respective subordinate lodges and to the Order as a whole.

The retiring Exalted Rulers now become permanent members of the Grand Lodge with broadened opportunity of serving the Order through such membership.

However, they will continue to have great opportunities of service right at home in their individual lodges as Past Exalted Rulers.

Most careful observers of the activities and the accomplishments of subordinate lodges are of the opinion that those lodges that have to the greatest extent the continued interest and participation in their activities of the Past Exalted Rulers are the lodges that accomplish the most.

Congratulations are also due to those Secretaries who, for varied periods of time, have served their lodges in that capacity. It would not be easy to overstate the importance to a lodge of a good Secretary.

There have been many instances in which such Secretaries have carried a lodge through dark days and into brighter times.

The newly elected Secretaries are also entitled to congratulations upon the opportunity which now comes to them to perform important service to their lodges.

The best wishes of The Elks Magazine are extended to

all officers, old and new, and those who will make up the personnel of the incoming committees of the lodge.

We wish also to express the hope that every member of the Order who possibly can arrange to attend the installation service will do so, for it is properly recognized as one of the most dignified and inspiring and worthwhile features of the Elks ritual. It is difficult to see how any Elk can attend the installation and fail to feel the urge to get back of those who are assuming the responsibilities of directing the affairs of his lodge for the coming year.

THE ELK HERD



In 1902, President Theodore Roosevelt appealed to Congress for legislation providing for the protection of the game and wild creatures of the forest reserves and said:

"It is, for instance, a serious count against our national good sense to permit the present practice of butchering such a stately and beautiful creature as the elk for its antlers and its tusks."

For the following fifteen years the Grand Lodge and the subordinate lodges of the Order cooperated in every possible way to preserve the herds of elk.

The gradual reduction of the herds, however, was not due to the slaughter of the elk for their teeth but to lack of winter protection and food supplies.

A succession of Grand Lodge Committees studied this problem, cooperating with the several states involved and the United States Government.

One of the earliest of these committees stated:

"There is no question that the wide-spread report to the effect that the elk is being exterminated in order to get tusks for commercial purposes is without foundation in reason or in fact."

The committee in existence in 1913 said that the total number of elk in the United States had increased from 52,918 to 70,913.

This was largely due to the work of the Order.

At the 1919 Grand Lodge Session an officer of the United States Forest Service said that the Order had been of great assistance in investigating conditions on elk ranges, memorializing Congress to provide for the purchase of feeding stations and in refuting the idea that the elk tooth was an emblem of the Order.

By 1931 the United States Government reported herds of 205,900 elk in eight states.

In 1951 an Associated Press news item bore the following heading:

"Yellowstone traps elk to reduce herd.

"Park officials ship them out for hunters to shoot."

That practice still continues.

In a metropolitan paper a short time ago there appeared an item bearing the title:

"Elk kill starts in Yellowstone."

Under that heading there ran an article nearly a column in length telling of the continuance of the practice of the Park officials in driving the elk outside of Yellowstone Park to be shot by hunters.

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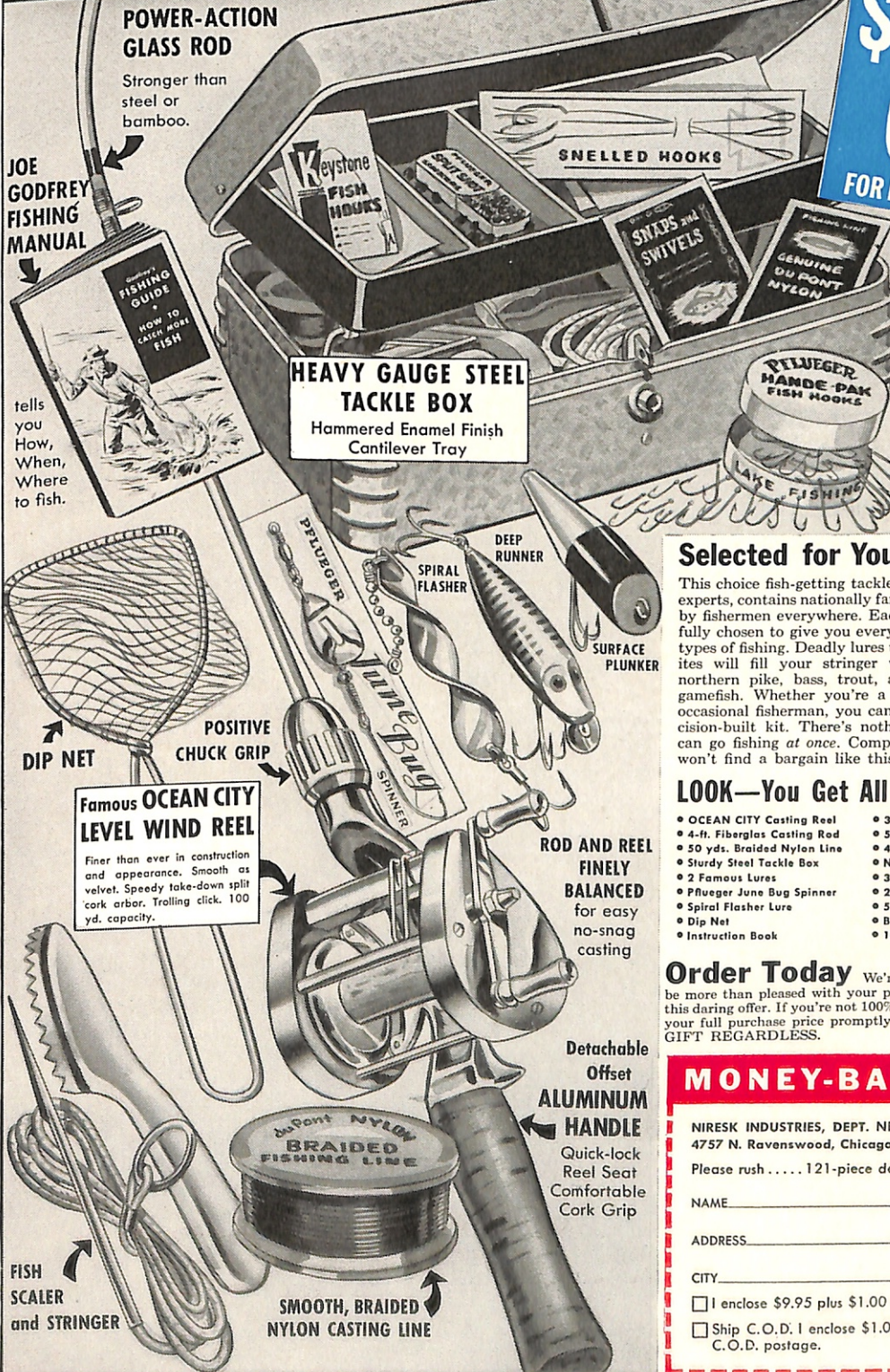
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